

Suicide bomber kills three officers in Gaza

Islamic Jihad: Attack was revenge for Abed killing

ALON PINKAS

A PALESTINIAN riding a bicycle detonated explosives strapped to his body as he passed an IDF checkpoint near Netzarim on Friday, killing three reserve officers and wounding six other security personnel. Six Palestinians were also wounded in the attack.

The three officers are Capt. Yehezkel Sapir, 36, from Kfar Sava; Lt. Yotam Rahat, 31, from Tel Aviv; and Capt. Elad Dror, 24, from Kibbutz Nachshon. All three will be buried today.

Two of the wounded soldiers - Ziv Goren, 26, from Kibbutz Zikim and Yitzhak Levy, 25, from Bat Yam - are in critical condition. The other wounded include two soldiers, a policeman, and a border policeman.

Islamic Jihad said it carried out the attack to avenge the car bombing of Islamic Jihad leader Hani Abed on November 2. Palestinians blamed that bombing on Israel.

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When the attack occurred, Islamic Jihad was holding a rally in a central square in Gaza City, and a spokesman proclaimed the attack was revenge for the killing of Abed.

Israeli security sources estimated that the rally was planned to coincide with the attack.

They added that according to participants in the rally, chants of "Today we will avenge Hani Abed's murder" were heard in the Al-Yarmuk mosque in Gaza before the attack actually took place. During the rally, scores of masked Islamic Jihad activists were involved in a frenzy of shooting in the air, and burned Israeli and US flags.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said last night that a crazed animal who is willing to kill himself and innocent people cannot be allowed to destroy the peace process. It's important to distinguish between those with whom it's possible to make peace and with the enemies of peace, he said, adding that Arafat and the PLO are not the enemies of peace. He was speaking at the Jerusalem Women's Conference.

Friday's attack occurred at about 1:45 p.m., when the suicide bomber, Hisham Hamad, 21, positioned himself between two vehicles, one Israeli and one Palestinian, at the army checkpoint near the entrance to the Netzarim settlement.

He approached the checkpoint from the south of the highway, which is jointly secured by Israeli-Palestinian patrols, after having passed through Palestinian checkpoints.

He then advanced toward concrete pillars where IDF officers were holding a briefing.

The assailant, a meter away from the soldiers, then detonated the estimated 10 kilograms of explosives in his vest, killing the three officers and himself on impact.

Four Palestinians in one car were wounded and taken to Shifa Hospital in Gaza. A Palestinian Police colonel was also slightly wounded in the attack. Two cars were also destroyed by the bombing.

It was initially believed that a car bomb had gone off, but remnants of the bicycle with residue explosives were later found.

Hateb Abu-Rekaik, a Beduin from Beersheba, said he was in a taxi when he saw a bicyclist zigzagging along the road.

"He was riding right in the middle of the road, unaware of anything, unresponsive to cars blowing their horns at him," said Rekaik. "When he got near the junction, we heard the explosion."

After the wounded were evacuated by ambulances and helicopters, three buses with cheering students from Gaza's Islamic University passed by the checkpoint and staged a drive-through demonstration.

Hamad has been identified as a resident of the Sheikh Radwan neighborhood of Gaza City. Palestinian sources said he was a neighbor and disciple of Abed who vowed to avenge his assassination.

Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak and his deputy and designated successor, Maj.-Gen. Amnon Shahak, arrived at the scene and joined the new commander of the Southern Command, Maj.-Gen. Shaul Mofaz, and OC Gaza Strip, Brig.-Gen. Doron Almog.

Almog had already held a meeting with Palestinian Police Chief, Gen. Ghazi Aljabli, during which he told him that Israel sees the Palestinian Authority as responsible for preventing such attacks and apprehending the perpetrators.

Barak also said the Palestinian Authority is responsible for the prevention of such attacks.

"The price it exacted was heavy, but we will discuss with the Palestinians ways of preventing unchecked vehicles and people from approaching checkpoints," he said.

"The Israeli-Palestinian military committee will discuss how to minimize friction as much as possible," Barak said. "However, such an act, when someone is intent on carrying out an attack and killing himself in the process is very difficult to prevent."

In a joint military committee meeting Friday night, the head of the civil administration in Gaza, Brig.-Gen. Dudi Gazit demanded that the Palestinians agree to construct bridges and detour roads at the Netzarim, Kisufim, and Morag junctions.



IDF troops stand over the covered body of one of three officers killed in an attack at the Netzarim checkpoint on Friday. (Reuters)

Palestinians crack down on Islamic Jihad

JON IMMANUEL

PALESTINIAN police have arrested dozens of Islamic Jihad supporters since the suicide bombing at the Netzarim military checkpoint. Finding those responsible for the attack has become the Palestinian Authority's "top priority," Planning Minister Nabil Shaath said yesterday.

It was the first suicide attack from within the Palestinian Authority's jurisdiction, and the first which knowingly endangered Palestinian lives. It therefore is considered an extra provocation of the Palestinian security forces. Four Palestinians were wounded in the attack, including a police colonel.

"What happened yesterday cannot be accepted," PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat was quoted as telling his cabinet yesterday.

Senior army sources estimated yesterday that the PLO will now launch a wide crackdown on the Islamic Jihad and the Hamas. The sources said leading activists who had fled their homes Friday in fear of arrests and retaliation "knew why they are doing so."

Shaath said security forces had made "a large number" of arrests based on intelligence information. Figures varied between 47 announced by the Gaza Human Rights Center yesterday afternoon to 115 by unofficial police sources.

Immediately after the attack Palestinian security forces began a clampdown on Islamic Jihad activists, arresting over 40. Yesterday morning, Palestinian police detained Sheikh Abdallah Shami, Islamic Jihad's chief ideologue.

Shami was among the speakers at an Islamic Jihad memorial rally of 3,000 for Hani Abed, one of Islamic Jihad's leaders, who was killed by a car bomb 11 days ago. At the rally outside Abed's house, near Sheikh Radwan, which took place the same time as the attack, masked men fired automatic rifles and an announcer bellowed: "This is one of our first responses in answer to the death of Hani Abed."

Palestinian police did not intervene, although firing weapons in public is strictly forbidden. The demonstration was publicized Thursday in leaflets distributed in Gaza, and continued for some 30 minutes after the attack was announced, Gazans said.

Two busloads of Islamic Jihad supporters, with pictures of Abed on the windshields, who were probably returning home from the demonstration, passed the site of the attack shortly after the dead and wounded had been evacuated. They shouted praise of Abed, but were not stopped by Israeli or Palestinian security forces.

Hisham Hamad, 21, the tailor from Sheikh Radwan believed responsible for Friday's attack, came from the same neighborhood as Abed, and was said to have been one of the pallbearers at Abed's emotional funeral a week ago last Friday. He had been jailed in Israel for his associations with Islamic Jihad.

In a will read to reporters by his family and quoted by Reuters, Hamad wrote, "Forgive me because meeting God is better than staying on this earth... There is no peace with the sons of monkeys and pigs, the enemies of peace, and no peace with Zionists who killed prophets... We the sons of Islam must move to stop this cancerous disease called Israel because its destruction is a Koranic imperative," he said.

Sheikh Assad Tamimi, a leader of one of the Jihad factions, was shown in a Jordan TV interview praising suicide attacks which "send Jews to hell." He vowed that "the state of the Jews will sink into the sea."

In an interview with Army Radio, Hamad's brother Fouad said the family was happy with the attack. "They said the Jews would leave Gaza but they did not. He did what he did at home, not in Tel Aviv," he said.

The head of the PLO security apparatus in Gaza, Ali Dahlan, said yesterday that he views the attack with severity and that it endangers the Israeli-Palestinian agreement. He added that many wanted Islamic Jihad activists fled from their homes over the weekend.

After a previous attack involving Islamic Jihad left two soldiers dead in a drive-by shooting at the Morag junction, those arrested were released within three weeks.

While condemning the attack, the Palestinian Authority will likely link a security crackdown on Islamic extremists with political changes, such as the removal of Israeli settlements in Gaza, especially ones as exposed as Netzarim and Kfar Darom.

Information and Culture Minister Yasser Abed-Rabbo said after the PA meeting, "I think the moment has come for a real discussion of the settlements."

The PA council on security headed by Arafat met on Friday night prior to the arrests to discuss the security situation.

Hamas denounced the Palestinian Police crackdown on Islamic Jihad in Gaza and pledged yesterday to strike at "collaborators."

"Hamas strongly denounces the house raids and random arrests carried out by the self-rule authority against dozens of Islamic Jihad movement members," it said in a press statement.

Alon Pinkas contributed to this report



All three officers killed in Friday's attack at Netzarim are to be buried this afternoon. Capt. (res.) Dror Elad (left), 24, of Kibbutz Nachshon, near Ramle, will be buried there at 2:30 p.m. He is survived by his mother, Gila, his father, Shmuel, two brothers and a sister. Lt. (res.) Yotam Rahat (center), 31, is to be buried at 3 p.m. at Kibbutz Hatzarim in the northern Negev. He is survived by his wife, Meirav, and a two-year-old son. Capt. (res.) Yehezkel Sapir (right), 36, of Kfar Sava, is to be buried at 1:30 p.m. in the Kiryat Shaul cemetery in Tel Aviv. He is survived by his wife Oranit and a seven-month-old daughter. (IDF Spokesman)

Austrian head to apologize for country's role in Holocaust

THOMAS O'DWYER

AUSTRIAN President Thomas Klestil will apologize to Israel for Austria's part in the murder of Jews during the Holocaust when he addresses the Knesset this week, *The Jerusalem Post* has learned.

Klestil told visiting Israeli journalists in Vienna he was aware that normalization of relations "must take full account of the negative as well as the positive."

When pressed to say if he would make a clear apology, Klestil said he would not reveal his speech in advance. He said that in speeches in the Netherlands and many European capitals he had identified fully with Austria's acceptance of its responsibility for Nazi crimes.

Klestil, who arrives today on the first visit by an Austrian head of state, will bring a formidable squad of business leaders to underscore Vienna's determination to put its rocky relations with Jerusalem behind it.

The senior managers of Austria's leading 17 companies will add a 100-strong commercial punch to the mainly symbolic political visit as Klestil tries to finally bury Israeli suspicions of Austrian attitudes.

The Austrians have put a colossal diplomatic effort into the visit but are worried that the shadow of a minority political leader at home will stalk the president's footsteps.

Despite the marked improvement in relations since the departure of the discredited former president, Kurt Waldheim, who was snubbed by Israel and most Western democracies for lying about his Nazi past, Klestil will now be dogged by concerns over the rise of the extremist Freedom Party leader Jörg Haider.

Haider shocked Europe by gaining 22 percent of the vote in Austria's recent elections.

In a further embarrassment before the visit, an Austrian appeal court on Wednesday quashed an earlier conviction and heavy fine on a newspaper columnist for printing a blatant denial of the Holocaust in *Neue Kronenzeitung*—a daily read by every second Austrian.

Jewish community leader Paul Groz described the ruling as "serious, part of a new development" and added: "Anti-Nazi legislation [in Austria] is fantastic. Its implementation is lousy."

Nonetheless, it is clear Klestil and Chancellor Franz Vranitzky's government are anxious to impress Israel with their country's sincerity in seeking close, friendly relations.

It is also clear that Austria has been using its close connections with the Arab states and Iran in an effort to find news of Israel's MIA's, including Ron Arad, missing in Lebanon, though so far without success.

Austrian officials studied every detail of last week's visit by Turkish Prime Minister Tancu Ciller in an effort to avoid embarrassing gaffes.

Asked if he would see any Palestinian officials at Orient House, Klestil said promptly: "Definitely not at Orient House."

He said an invitation to meet Palestinian leaders had been passed to "our Israeli hosts" and that any such meetings would depend on the attitude of the Israeli government.

Jordanian girl brought here for bone-marrow transplant dies

JUDY SIEGEL

HEBA Shaban, the 12-year-old Jordanian girl who was to undergo a bone-marrow transplant at Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem, died suddenly over the weekend of massive bleeding.

Her doctors said her disease had been misdiagnosed in Jordan, and that if they had been able to examine her only two months ago, her chances of a cure would have been high.

"Soon after her arrival last week, we realized that she had Fanconi's anemia, rather than what Jordanian doctors had diagnosed as severe aplastic anemia," said Prof. Shimon Slavin, head of the hospital's national bone-marrow transplantation center.

"This congenital disorder is treated, like aplastic anemia, with a bone-marrow transplant, but it requires a different treatment protocol. We didn't even have a chance to start the transplant procedure, because she didn't absorb the massive amount of blood from 12 transfusions that we gave her. All of them were immediately destroyed by her body," he added.

Heba suddenly developed breathing difficulties due to massive bleeding in the lungs and died, while her parents were with her. They were shocked, but had already been told by Slavin that her condition had been misdiagnosed at home.

"Her father Rushdi was a real gentleman," Slavin said. "He thanked us for what we had done." The parents yesterday took Heba home for burial in Zarka.

The girl - accompanied by her parents and her 10-month-old brother Muhadi, who was to have donated the bone marrow - was warmly received by the hospital on Wednesday.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's office collected NIS 130,000 from local business interests to cover the cost of the transplant, and the Shaban family was hosted at Kibbutz Tzova.



Heba Shaban (AP)

Zohar being considered for coordinator of activities in areas

ALON PINKAS

PRIME Minister and Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin is considering the appointment of Brig.-Gen. Gadi Zohar as the new coordinator of activities in the territories, a senior source close to Rabin said yesterday.

Zohar, a career intelligence branch officer, has won much respect during his three-year tenure as head of the civil administration in Judea and Samaria and as a member of the delegation to the negotiations with the Palestinians.

Zohar, if appointed, will be promoted to major-general and replace Maj.-Gen. Danny Rothschild, who is being considered a possible candidate to head the Intelligence Branch. The current head of the branch, Maj.-Gen. Uri Saguy, is reportedly being considered to head the Mossad.

The senior source said the job of coordinator of activities in the territories is being redefined as a result of the Oslo accords and their implementation.

Israel not alarmed by Helms's remark on aid

HILLEL KUTTNER
WASHINGTON

ISRAELI officials said Friday they are not alarmed by recent statements by Senator Jesse Helms (Republican-North Carolina) attacking US foreign aid to the Middle East.

Helms, who will become chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in January, said the US "must stop this stupid business of giving away the taxpayers' money willy-nilly."

Israel receives \$3 billion annually in US economic and military assistance.

His statements aroused interest following the Republicans' dramatic takeover of both houses of Congress in Tuesday's elections.

Israeli sources here said it is too soon to analyze the importance of Helms's comments. But they noted that in recent meetings with him, Helms said he feels very friendly toward Israel, while remaining opposed to foreign aid in principle, and is also very skeptical about Syria's intentions.

"The man has not changed... He was very careful in what he said [Thursday]," an Israeli source said. "He spoke about the need to cut aid to the Middle East, and for the peace process. He did not speak about aid to Israel."

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Peres: PA needs our support

ISRAEL must provide support for the Palestinian Authority, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres told Israel Radio yesterday.

Peres was interviewed after PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat ordered a crackdown on the Islamic Jihad movement, which claimed responsibility for the suicide bomb attack in Gaza Friday that killed three soldiers.

"We are dealing with a very dangerous underground which more and more has suicide attackers within its ranks," Peres said. "The problem is... what to demand in detail from the Palestinian Authority and on the other hand what to give it to allow it to stand on its own."

"We must make a supreme effort to allow the Palestinian Authority to provide a reasonable

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subsistence; otherwise their support will fall," he said.

Peres said Arafat told him on Tuesday that Gaza police had arrested some Hamas members.

"I heard from Arafat that there are several under arrest... There is no place for argument that we have to demand this from Arafat and from the Palestinian Authority," Peres said.

"At the same time I repeat we must see the wider picture and not use methods that will push many people to support Hamas."

Asked if Israel might reinstate a closure on Gaza, Peres said: "It is clear as the sun to me that if we impose a blockade on Gaza and people will remain there without a livelihood, the situation will

deteriorate.

"We have to fight two things - Hamas and the support for Hamas, support which can be very large."

Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer called on Arafat to act.

"All the expectations that Arafat would be in control of the territory are not being realized," Ben-Eliezer said.

Zvi Engel, head of the Gaza Coast Regional Council, said there had already been a number of incidents on the road guarded by the IDF. "I think that the IDF should be responsible for the security not only on the roads agreed to [under the autonomy accord]," Palestinian Police cannot be

trusted to ensure security, he added.

Council spokeswoman Batia Herschkowitz, who was asked if IDF forces had been reinforced following the killing of Hani Abed, said: "In general, security has been tighter recently. Israel received warnings about a possible attack and therefore I assume that precautions were taken."

She said that traffic was especially dense on the road on Friday afternoons after Moslem prayers. The traffic on the road is mostly Arab, she noted.

The Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza called for an immediate suspension of talks with the PLO. Responsibility for the security of Israeli citizens should not be shared with anyone, the council said.

Rabin: Settlements great burden on IDF

Jerusalem Post Staff

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin reiterated on Friday that pursuing the next phase of the peace agreement with the PLO would be complicated because of the Jewish settlements.

Rabin, in comments broadcast on Israeli Radio Friday, alluded to the talks set for November 21-22 with the Palestinians over expanding autonomy into Judea and Samaria.

The negotiations will work out arrangements for an IDF withdrawal from Palestinian cities so that elections can be held for a self-rule council.

"The settlements in heavily populated areas of Judea and Samaria are a tremendous security burden on the army," Rabin said.

"When we reach a settlement it will be even more complicated be-

cause the settlement planning there wasn't done with security of the residents in mind," Rabin added.

Army Radio quoted him as saying that twice as many soldiers were deployed to protect the 120,000 Israelis living in the territories than in southern Lebanon.

Rabin's remarks stirred immediate angry reaction. The Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza protested the timing of Rabin's remarks.

"It is inconceivable that while Arafat calls on Arabs to establish a state with Jerusalem as its capital... Rabin attacks Israeli citizens," it said. Council chairman Uri Ariel said the prime minister should not use words that "give ex post facto legitimacy to spilling settlers' blood."

Moslems closed out of Machpela

The Machpela Cave, including the Ibrahim Mosque, reopened again for two days on Friday, but thousands of Moslems had to pray outside because only 300 were allowed inside.

It was the first time since the Hebron massacre in February that the mosque had been open on Fri-

day, the Moslem holy day, when up to 2,000 worshippers crowd the largest hall.

The building is closed today and tomorrow and reopens Tuesday after fine-tuning of security arrangements which may increase the number of worshippers permitted in the mosque. *Jon Immanuel*

Women's group resolve to help find MIAs

The International Jewish Women Leaders' Conference passed a resolution last night asking the International Council of Women's Organizations to do all it can to influence members to help find a solution to Israel's MIA problem as quickly as possible.

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Netanyahu: Halt dealings with PLO

SARAH HONIG

LIKUD chairman Binyamin Netanyahu urged the government to halt negotiations with the PLO following the terrorist attack in the Gaza Strip Friday, charging the PLO and Islamic extremists operate in collusion.

Netanyahu noted yesterday that PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat had "only last Thursday, while visiting troops of the PLO's Force 17, pledged to liberate the entire Palestine in blood and fire."

"The aims of the PLO and the Islamic fanatics are no different. Beyond murdering Jews, the objective is to murder the Jewish state. First they will set up a Palestinian state alongside Israel and then aim for an expanded state that will replace Israel by destroying it in stages," Netanyahu said.

"Arafat is not keeping an iota of his side of the Oslo bargain," he added. "He does nothing to curb terrorism... There was a brief, show of arresting Hamas activists, but they were just as quickly released."

Responsibility for security must, according to Netanyahu, "be returned to the IDF. Israel's military must be allowed to operate against the terrorists and if need be even in Gaza." The terror headquarters thrive in Gaza and the terrorists receive inspiration and training there. We must not erect more such terror staging points in Nabulus, Jenin, Ramallah and Kalkiya, near Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Kfar Sava. The Likud will support a viable peace, such as the one with Jordan, but not a mock peace like the one with the PLO.

Meanwhile, Likud MK Ariel Sharon said he wants IDF Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak replaced, an overhaul of the military strategy regarding the terrorists, and the establishment of a national emergency government for a limited period to tackle terrorism.

Likud MK and Ariel Mayor Ron Nachman demanded Barak's resignation, claiming: "The country is at war, we need a chief of staff who deals with army and security matters, and not a political chief of staff who throws responsibility for security to the Palestinian Authority and continues to deal with the peace process, but not solutions for the war."

MK Michael Eitan (Likud) demanded the government immediately implement a closure of Gaza until local residents do something to stop terrorism. He said that it was inconceivable for terrorist bases to continue to operate freely while the terrorists' accomplices are allowed to work inside Israel. "Economic pressure is the minimum necessary in the fight to stamp out terrorism," he said.

Road deaths: Diplomat and seven in one family

ISRAELI diplomat Henry Ariel, who was serving in the embassy in Alma-Ata, the capital of Kazakhstan, was killed in a traffic accident there yesterday.

Ariel's friend, Michael Levine, also an embassy employee, was injured.

The accident occurred 132 kilometers from the capital. Levine received medical treatment in Kazakhstan and was then flown here and hospitalized in Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital's intensive care unit.

He was reported fully conscious and in stable condition. Ariel's body was also flown here.

The two were security guards, and the investigation into the accident is also focusing on whether the accident might have been somehow related to their work.

Meanwhile, seven members of a Rafiah family were killed Friday morning in a traffic accident on the main road between Rafiah and Gaza. Palestinian Police launched an investigation of the accident.

A Public Works Department employee was killed Friday when he was run over by a commercial vehicle near the Sha'ar Hagai junction, where he was working. The driver, a Bnei Brak resident, stopped, and his license was revoked. He was later released on bail.

Yesterday afternoon, 21-year-old Robert Yosipov of Kfar Sava died from injuries he suffered when his motorcycle was struck by a car in a hit-and-run accident there.

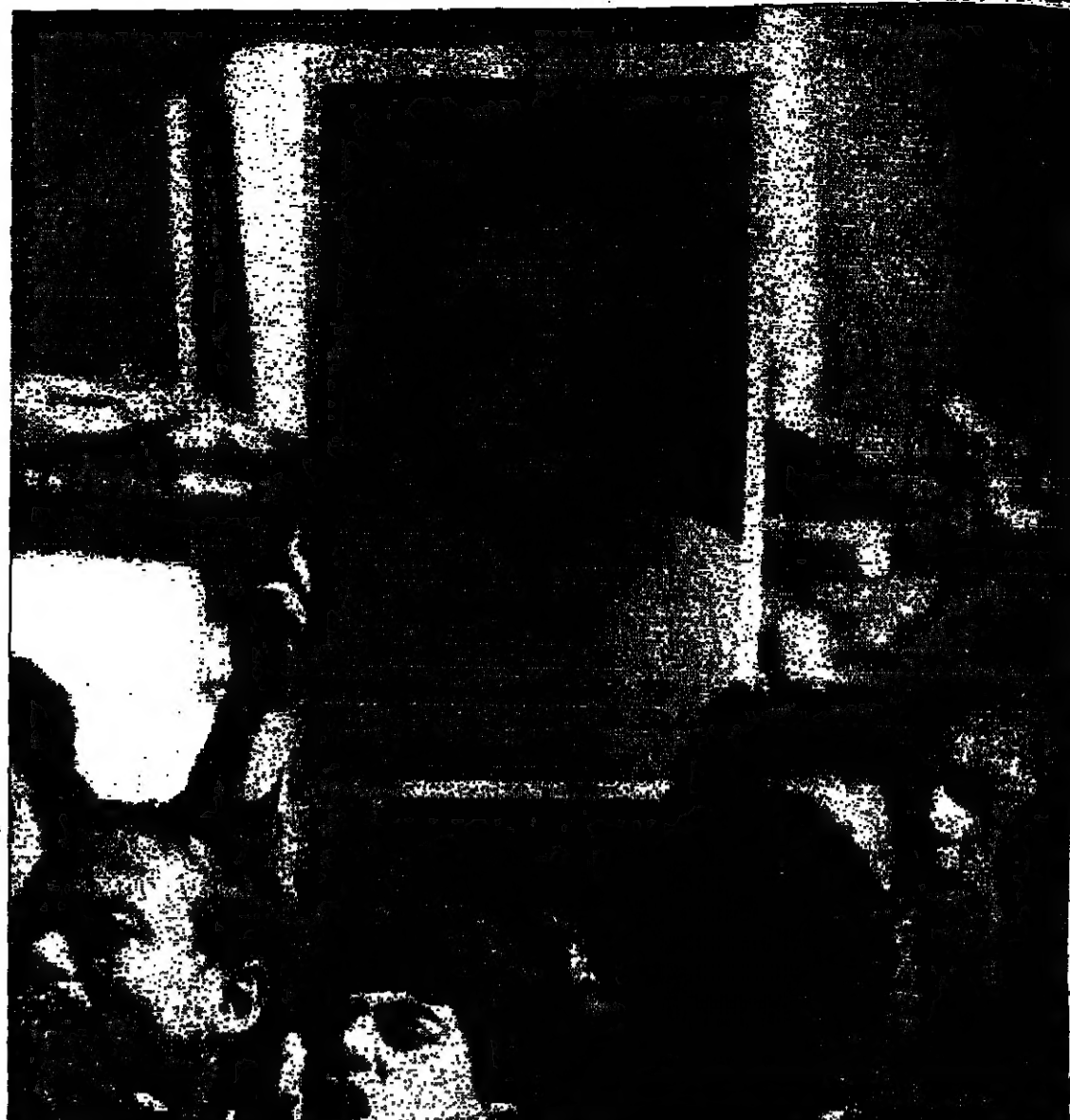
The driver of the car, an 18-year-old woman, sped away and was only found after a lengthy investigation.

She said the motorcyclist had kept on going, and she thought he was fine. She is suspected of running a stop sign and leaving the scene of an accident. *(Itim)*

Hussein reaffirms role as custodian of holy places

King Hussein yesterday underlined his determination to "continue his role as the custodian of Islamic holy shrines in Jerusalem until the Palestinian people regain their sovereignty over Palestinian land." He was speaking to reporters following a meeting with visiting Juan Carlos of Spain.

Juan Carlos, accompanied by Queen Sofia, arrived on Friday for a three-day state visit during which he would also tour historic sites in the kingdom. *AP*



Palestinians in Gaza stage a protest on Friday moments before the suicide bomber attacked. They hold a poster of slain Islamic Jihad activist Hani Abed. *(Reuters)*

Israeli-Syrian talks continue via US

HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON

THE chief negotiators for Israel and Syria, ambassadors Itamar Rabinovich and Walid Mualeem, have resumed talks here in the presence of the US team.

A senior Clinton administration official said the US sees no point in reconvening direct Israeli-Syrian talks here without American mediators, as before.

Since then, Christopher and the US peace team led by coordinator Dennis Ross have shuttled to the region regularly to transmit messages between Syrian President Hafez Assad and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

"Our instincts are going to be to continue working this way," the official said, while conceding that "we will never produce an agreement" without eventual direct, higher-level Israeli-Syrian dialogue.

"We obviously feel we have made some headway on the sub-

stance, but not to the point where calling for such [Washington-based] talks would be the thing to do," the US official said. "Even after the secretary's trip, I'm not sure the time would be right to call for it."

Meanwhile, an Israeli source Friday termed Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Shara's recent statement that the two countries could soon resume negotiations here "irrelevant."

"It's an irrelevant statement because we aren't following the Washington track, not because there has been no progress - there is slow progress all the time - but because there's no desire for it," the source said.

Shara's assessment was meant to "calm the Syrian public," as well as to slightly pressure Christopher, to raise expectations prior to his trip," he said.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher is due to visit Israel and Syria from November 27 to 30 in an attempt to mudge the negotiations along.

For two years, Israel and Syria were locked in fruitless talks held periodically at the State Department. But since that track was discontinued last February, the three countries believe progress has occurred beyond the land-for-peace formulation.

The Israeli source said that Lebanese President Elias Hrawi's statement a week ago - that his country and Israel could soon discuss security arrangements - as well as Shara's statement, were meant for the Lebanese and Syrian public, respectively, which might otherwise question why Lebanon and Syria have been left behind in the peace process.

Fatah council decides to postpone elections

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and LAMIA LAHOUD

council.

In another development, Arafat has appointed two Hamas activists to official positions on the Palestinian religious courts, in the first appointments of Hamas members to the PA since he took office.

The two are Hamed Bitawi of Tulkarm and Mahmoud Salameh of Gaza. Both are already religious court judges, but now they will work officially with the PA supreme religious courts Justice Muhammad Abu Sardaneh as his deputies.

The appointments were confirmed in the press and by Bitawi's family.

Bitawi was among the 400 Hamas activists expelled by Israel for one year to Marj a-Zahour, in south Lebanon, in 1992. He is considered to have great influence on Hamas ideology. He is one of the top two kadis or Islamic court judges.

Bitawi is also head of the Palestinian Theologians Society. On Friday, the same day as the appointments were announced, it was reported in the Arabic press in Jerusalem that Israeli security agencies are cracking down on the society, which they see as the highest decision-making body of Hamas. Security forces confiscated the society's leaflets outlining Islamic opposition to normalization with Israel, *Al-Quds* reported.

The religious courts deal with much the same issues as Israeli religious courts: marriage, divorce, conversions, and disputes among neighbors.

Until now Arafat has avoided giving Hamas supporters any official positions, including those they were ready to accept such as membership in provisional municipal councils. Religious appointments such as the new Palestinian mufti of Jerusalem went to Fatah supporters or independents. The new appointments have not met any opposition inside Hamas.

HAIFA READERS

Senior staffers of The Jerusalem Post including President and Publisher Yehuda Levy, Executive Editor David Bar-Ilan, and Jerusalem Post reporters will be visiting Haifa on Wednesday, November 16.

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2 Baghdad bomb blasts leave 1 dead

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Two bombs exploded in Baghdad yesterday, killing one person and injuring three, the state-run Iraqi News Agency reported.

One bomb exploded near a downtown hotel, killing the person who was believed to be carrying it when it exploded, the state-run Iraqi News Agency reported. The agency, monitored in Cyprus, said the explosion occurred at 1 p.m. (1000 GMT) close to the Baghdad Hotel.

It said the bomb was estimated to consist of 2-3 kilograms of explosives. The agency gave no further details of the attack or say if there was any damage.

Baghdad radio said later police were unable to identify the body because of the explosion's force. An hour earlier, a bomb explosion in the Ur district of the capital injured three students, INA said, without elaborating.

It was the second time that a

fatal bomb blast has been reported in the Iraqi attack within two weeks. On Oct. 30, a bomb exploded outside a Baghdad church, killing three police officers and the deacon who discovered it.

Earlier in the month, on Oct. 19, one man was killed and five were wounded when a bomb exploded in the mosque at Baghdad's Religious Affairs Ministry.

In the past, the government generally has blamed "agents hired by the enemies of Iraq" for such attacks.

That is considered to be a reference to Kurdish separatists or Iranian-linked Shiite Muslim rebels who launched ill-fated revolts against the Baghdad regime immediately after the Gulf War.

There have been a string of bombings over the last two years. Not all these attacks have been reported by the official media as the government seeks to play down popular discontent.

Angolan rebel leader to sign peace accord

LUANDA, Angola (AP) — With the government flag flying triumphantly over UNITA rebel headquarters in Huambo, the prime minister told the insurgents yesterday that they face defeat if they don't sign a peace treaty.

"UNITA must see that there is no alternative to this treaty but defeat," Premier Marcelino Moco told a rally of refugees. "The end of the war is close and inevitable. UNITA must decide what shape it will take for them."

Rebel leader Jonas Savimbi called off the peace deal to end 19 years of war as government troops overran the rebels' main base at Huambo this week.

UN officials, demanding anonymity, said the rebels agreed Friday to return to talks after the government reportedly offered a ceasefire to persuade them to sign the peace treaty Tuesday as scheduled. US ambassador to the United Nations Madeleine Albright said Savimbi had called her Friday and told her he would attend the signing in Lusaka, Zambia.

Asked whether Savimbi would sign the document, Albright declined comment. But UNITA rebel spokesman Marcos Saramo said Savimbi had assured Albright he would sign.

President Jose Eduardo dos

Santos was to sign for the government, capping 11 months of UN-brokered negotiations.

A nationwide cease-fire is to take effect two days later, followed by a power-sharing deal between government and rebels.

The accord hung by a thread after government troops launched a huge assault on Huambo, 590 kms southeast of Luanda. The rebels had demanded government troops pull back and claimed UNITA troops were still fighting inside city limits.

But Angolan state TV showed footage late Friday of the Angolan flag flying over the bullet-pocked governor's palace in downtown Huambo.

Cheering people were shown crowding around patrolling government soldiers. An army commander, identified as Col. Souza, told TV his troops had fought hard for 15 days, but "then took the city almost unopposed."

"The enemy has fled," he said. Government military sources said they believed the rebels had split into small attack squads and filtered westward through government lines.

More than half a million Angolans have died since war began on the eve of independence from Portugal in 1975.

Clinton leaves woes behind

MANILA (AP) — Plunging into foreign policy after devastating election losses, President Clinton arrived in the Philippines yesterday to open a campaign for free trade in Asia and commemorate World War II victories in the Pacific.

It was just before midnight local time when Air Force One touched down at Ninoy Aquino Airport after an overnight flight from Washington with a refueling stop in Alaska. Foreign Minister Robert Romulo greeted the president and his wife, Hillary.

A state arrival ceremony is planned today at Malacanang Palace, where President Fidel Ramos will formally welcome the president.

Hours before Clinton landed, hundreds of demonstrators staged protest marches through Manila, shouting "Clinton Out!" and "Yankies Go Home." Police fired tear gas and water cannons to stop about 500 leftists carrying torches toward Clinton's hotel.

In contrast to the sweltering weather in Manila, there were 30 cms of snow on the ground at Elmendorf Air Force Base in Alaska where the president addressed a Veterans Day audience during a refueling stop.

Urging unity after opposition Republicans captured the House and Senate in Tuesday's elections for the first time in 40 years, the Democratic president said: "Let us now join together to move this country forward in the best American spirit."

In a global economy, he said, "we have to fight and struggle for every single opportunity we have."

Yesterday's visit to the Philippines was a follow-up to ceremonies in Europe last June marking the 50th anniversary of D-Day.

Today, Clinton will tour Corregidor, the island fortress in Manila Bay seized by Japan in 1942 after Gen. Douglas MacArthur escaped to Australia in a patrol boat while pledging, "I shall return."

Students protest, Page 4



The bodies of nine Bosnian Army soldiers killed by a Serb grenade last week are buried at the Sarajevo military cemetery on Friday. (AP)

Serbs close in on Bihac

News agencies

SARAJEVO

SERB forces have tightened the noose around the northwestern government-held town of Bihac, rolling back recent government army gains in the area, UN officials said yesterday.

There was heavy shelling overnight in the southwest around Mostar, where one child was killed and as many as six wounded Friday when a Serb shell hit near the city's heavily damaged Roman Catholic Cathedral.

Serb shelling of Mostar was in apparent response to a joint infantry attack by Moslem-led government troops and Croat militias to the south, according to UN officials.

In the northwest, UN officials said government troops were withdrawing from around Bosanska Krupa, northeast of Bihac, where they made significant gains in recent weeks.

Bosnia's Moslems admitted yesterday that their defenses were crumbling against superior Serb forces and appealed for UN help.

The Bosnian Serb Army (BSA) said its advance into the Moslem pocket was being slowed by rain and fog but added that its forces were in a buoyant mood after reversing defeats inflicted earlier by Moslem troops.

Bosnia's Moslem President

Alija Izetbegovic called for an urgent meeting of the UN Security Council to discuss the "deteriorating situation". He said the enclave was being shelled by the BSA and by rebel Serbs in neighboring Croatian territory "in flagrant violation of all Security Council resolutions".

Bosnian Serb forces were "tightening the loop" around Bihac town, said UN spokesman Maj. Koos Sol. Villages south of Bihac were under heavy shelling, much of it coming from Serb-held territory in neighboring Croatia.

The UN chief for former Yugoslavia, Yasushi Akashi of Japan, warned Serb leaders Friday that if civilians in Bihac town were threatened, a "forceful response" could not be ruled out, said UN spokesman Thant Myint-U.

Bosnian Prime Minister Haris Silajdzic held talks with Croatian President Franjo Tudjman in Zagreb yesterday to discuss the situation around Bihac and involvement of Croatian Serb forces there.

In a six-month war in 1991, Serbs in Croatia who opposed the country's secession from Serb-dominated Yugoslavia captured

about one-third of Croatian territory.

Jadranko Prlic, the Bosnian defense minister, said the Sarajevo government was asking Croatia for "appropriate intervention" to halt the attacks on Bihac from Serb-held territory in Croatia, the Croatian state news agency Hina reported.

In recent days, Croatian government officials have repeatedly suggested they are considering possible military action against Croatian Serbs.

Yugoslav Foreign Minister Vukoslav Jovanovic indicated Yugoslavia would not get involved if Croatia attacked its Serbs.

Akashi met yesterday with Bosnian Vice President Ejup Ganic. Serbs have been blocking all UN convoys to Bihac, and Ganic warned of a "catastrophe" if food is not supplied within one week.

Akashi and Ganic reached a basic agreement on the withdrawal of government forces from a demilitarized zone on Mount Igman southwest of Sarajevo. Details are to be worked out by UN and government military officials.

In exchange, the UN force will try to secure a key supply route to Sarajevo over Igman, which has become nearly impassable because of Serb shelling of the road.

San Francisco newspaper strike accord reached

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A tentative agreement was reached yesterday in the strike against San Francisco's two major daily newspapers, the mayor's office said.

The agreement could end the two-week old strike that left one person dead and several injured. It was the first strike at the San Francisco Chronicle and the San Francisco Examiner in 26 years.

Mayor Frank Jordan's office announced the agreement among the San Francisco Newspaper Agency,

the Chronicle, the Examiner and the Conference of Newspaper Unions. Union members still must ratify the pact.

The two papers, published under a joint operating agreement, are overseen by the San Francisco Newspaper Agency. The Conference of Newspaper Unions is the umbrella group for eight separate unions representing 2,600 reporters, salespeople, printers and delivery drivers, who walked off the job Nov. 1 after more than a year of fruitless negotiations.

Japanese daily apologizes for antisemitic ad

TOM TUGEND
LOS ANGELES

A JAPANESE daily, the world's largest newspaper, has formally apologized for advertising books which claim that the world is secretly controlled by Jews, AJC officials said.

The apology by the Yomiuri Shimbun newspaper was issued in response to protests by the Israeli Embassy in Tokyo and the American Jewish Committee.

The offensive ad by the Tokuma Publishing Co. ran two weeks ago in the 10-million-circulation newspaper, and promoted a number of books that "explain" modern history as a series of Jewish plots to dominate the world.

In a letter to Dr. Neil Sandberg, director of the AJC Pacific Rim Institute, the heads of Yomiuri Shimbun's advertising and public relations departments said, "We sincerely regret the publishing of an advertisement which, as you point out, can be said to promote racism."

"We accept your criticism on this matter and disassociate ourselves from the contents of the advertisement in question. Please

be assured that henceforth, taking your point into consideration, we shall redouble our efforts to avoid the printing of advertisements without checking their credibility, and to deal with world affairs without bias or bigotry."

Jewish conspiracy books are a cottage industry in Japan. Generally in the form of mystery-thrillers, the books' plots might link such people as the pope, the queen of England and US presidents as Zionist conspirators bent on destroying Japanese industry.

Despite the popularity of such books, with sales over one million, Rabbi James Lebeau of Temple Beth David in Tokyo said he had never heard of any attacks or violence against Jews in Japan. An estimated 2,000 Jews, mostly Americans, live in Japan.

Sandberg noted that Japan's relations with Israel are steadily improving, as the Middle East peace process progresses. However, he said that despite protests, Japanese companies also continue to do business with Iran.

First woman president of Sri Lanka sworn in

COLOMBO (Reuters) — Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga was sworn in as Sri Lanka's first woman president yesterday and pledged to work for an end to the bloody 11-year civil war against Tamil separatist rebels.

Kumaratunga said in a speech to the nation that her emphatic election victory earlier this week was a vote for peace.

"This must be, however, peace with honor for both parties to the conflict for it to be strong and durable. My government will continue our quest for peace," she said.

With a sweeping mandate from the polls, Kumaratunga is expected to resume peace talks with Tamil separatist rebels suspended last month when the main opposi-

tion candidate was killed in a bomb blast during a campaign rally.

But she declined to say when she would resume the talks. "We can't tell you a time frame," she told a news conference.

Kumaratunga also announced she would unveil a new policy package for foreign investors in the next two weeks.

After the long, violent election campaign, yesterday's colorful investiture ceremony took place behind a tight security screen.

Kumaratunga, dressed in a bright blue silk sari and flanked by her armed services chiefs, took the oath of office before Chief Justice G.P.S. de Silva and invited guests at the presidential secretariat.

Irish government in danger

CORK (Reuters) — Ireland's ruling coalition parties squabbled as they headed for defeat in a parliamentary by-election seen as a mid-term popularity test.

Early returns from two elections in Cork showed that voters had rebuffed both Prime Minister Albert Reynolds' Fianna Fail party and his junior coalition partner, the Labor party.

The government's problems were compounded when a bitter row over the appointment of a new Attorney-General resurfaced and seemed likely to test the strength of the coalition.

The government said that Attorney-General Harry Whelehan had been appointed High Court President, an appointment which Labor resents and fought to change.

Labor officials said Fianna Fail had ignored its objections to Whelehan's appointment despite a joint program for government.

"It would be foolish of (the prime minister) or Fianna Fail to think that we will lie down. We will not lie down," an angry Labor party chairman, Jim Kemmy, told Irish radio.

"We are determined to do what we can to insist on a partnership government," he declared.

Kemmy gave no hint as to whether Labor would pull out of the coalition, which has a 33 seat majority in parliament, but his statement left no-one in doubt about strains in their two-year-old electoral pact.

The problems were compounded by poor showing in the Cork elections, where Labor took a hammering, according to early results, and Fianna Fail's candidates were also rejected.

The IRA reacted yesterday to this week's shooting of a postal worker in Northern Ireland by saying none of its members currently has permission to use arms.

The group, which declared a cease-fire on August 31 in its campaign to drive Britain out of the province, issued a statement offering condolences to the family of the dead man.

The vote was seen as a test of the government's credibility against a background of high unemployment and accusations that Reynolds and Spring had misused travel by government jet.

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Swedes nervous on the eve of EU vote

STOCKHOLM (Reuters) - With 24 hours to go before Swedes are due to vote whether or not to take their country into the European Union, politicians and media went all out to push a million uncertain voters towards the polling booths.

"Goodnight Europe or Good Morning The World?" asked the daily *Expressen* - proud publisher of what it called "the final opinion poll" yesterday that gave supporters a tiny lead.

The Gallup poll showed 49 percent would vote "yes" to EU entry, 44% "no," with the remaining seven percent undecided.

Other surveys have found "don't knows" around 20%, meaning that up to 1.3 million of the country's 6.5m. voters are not sure how to respond to the question: "Do you believe Sweden should join the European Union in line with the agreement between Sweden and the EU member states?"

Most newspapers and mainstream politicians say the answer has to be "yes," but until now they have not actively sought votes from the undecided for fear of a backlash of "no" votes and a huge national embarrassment that could even bring down the government.

Yesterday, however, the establishment seemed to throw its caution to the chilly winter wind.

In Stockholm's central Sergel Square, where public rallies and celebrations traditionally start, large blue and yellow balloons printed with the EU's ring of 12 stars bobbed on long wires.

Sweden's national colors are yellow and blue, the same as those used on the Union's flag.

In a televised debate Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson, leader of the Social Democrat party, teamed up with arch-rival conservative leader Carl Bildt to argue for a "yes."

Carlsson, usually wary of provoking or strengthening the anti-EU faction inside his own party, turned up the heat on opponents of entry when he exploded: "I have never met such pessimism or such weak faith in the potential of politics before."

Newspaper commentaries warned of the "Nordic tragedy" and "political hangover" that a "no" would cause.

The heavyweight daily *Dagens Nyheter* reminded its readers: "A Yes in Sweden will also give a good chance of a Yes in Norway. Nordic teamwork will gain new life within the EU."

Norway votes on Nov. 28.

Austrian parliament passes EU treaty

News agencies
VIENNA

AUSTRIA's parliament has voted in favor of membership of the European Union and the country is expected to join in January.

The house voted by 141 to 40 after an 11-hour debate on Friday, securing the two-thirds majority needed to ratify the treaty.

Deputies rose to their feet and applauded loudly on what Austrian television called an historic day for Austria.

Austrian voters backed EU membership by a two-to-one majority in a referendum in June.

Chancellor-designate Franz Vranitzky called the day a milestone in Austria's history and said Vienna was ready to help build a peaceful and stable Europe.

The ratification was a blow to extreme rightist leader Jörg Haider, who campaigned against EU entry.

He said Austria was about to join a centralized Europe and the terms of entry would rob Austrians of their civil rights.

"We want a Europe of citizens not a Europe of bureaucrats. We want a federal EU not a centralist EU," he said.

Vranitzky's dominant Social Democrats (SPO) and their long-time coalition partners, the con-

servative People's Party (ÖVP), lost huge support in general elections on October 9.

Although they remain Austria's two biggest parties, they were deprived of their combined two-thirds parliamentary majority, which had effectively meant that deputies rubber-stamped government legislation.

The brash rightist Jörg Haider now bests the political scene, boasting that his Freedom Party would not consider a coalition with the People's Party under current leadership, but is "willing to take it over."

Haider has fed on smoldering grass-roots discontent with the status quo, relentlessly attacking the grey, amorphous, cozy mass of the "grand coalition" which has governed Austria for the past eight years.

His plain-spoken anti-immigrant, tough-on-crime message has propelled him steadily forward since he took over the Freedom Party in 1986, with the exception of a short-lived period in the wilderness for praising Adolf Hitler's employment policies.

Haider has served notice that he will run for the chancellorship in earnest in 1998, seeking the springboard from which to launch what he calls a "Third Republic" based Austria is due to join the EU on January 1, with Finland, Sweden and Norway. Finnish voters have already backed membership and Sweden vote in a referendum today. Norwegians hold their ballot on November 28.



Student protesters mark the anniversary of a massacre in East Timor by invading the US embassy grounds in Jakarta yesterday. (AP)

East Timorese students invade US embassy grounds in Jakarta

DAVID SCHLESINGER
JAKARTA

EAST Timorese students demanding help from President Bill Clinton invaded the US embassy grounds in Jakarta yesterday in a vivid intertwining of politics and human rights with economics and world trade.

The demonstration came on the same day ministers from the 18 members of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum, working towards free trade in the region, ended a meeting that paved the way for a high-profile APEC summit next Tuesday.

Twenty-nine young men seeking Clinton's aid in securing the release of guerrilla chief Xanana Gusmao clambered over 2.6 meter (8-ft) railings into an embassy parking lot threatening Clinton - and his Indonesian hosts - with acute political embarrassment.

Clinton, who has tried to strike a pragmatic balance between human rights concerns and trade, gets to Jakarta today.

His new dilemma over how to handle the Timorese protesters comes as the other leaders he will meet are already wondering how the US president will be affected by his Democratic party's stunning losses in mid-term congressional elections.

US officials told the protesters to leave by the end of the day. But at nightfall, nine hours after they moved in, they were still there and vowed to stay until their demands were met.

"America is the only superpower in the

world. We think the Americans can use their influence to save the situation in East Timor," one demonstrator shouted.

US Secretary of State Warren Christopher, here for APEC meetings, told reporters he would raise the issue of East Timor with Indonesian authorities and promised not to eject the protesters.

"We have no plans to... throw them out," he said before dashing off for a flying visit to the Philippines to link up with Clinton. "We are dealing with the situation with sympathy and understanding, as well as firmness."

Several hundred police, some with automatic weapons, took up positions outside the compound.

Indonesia's rule over the former Portuguese colony, 2,000 km east of Jakarta, has become a focus for allegations of human rights abuses. Indonesia invaded East Timor in 1975 and annexed it a year later. Its authority is not recognized by the United Nations.

While human rights concerns may grab the headlines, APEC's primary mission this year is to forge a vision of free trade early in the 21st century for a region which accounts for about half of world commerce and economic output.

Ministers, paving the way for the summit, appear united on the idea of freer trade in the world's most dynamic area but divided on how to convert it into reality.

Proposals before the 18-member APEC forum recommend trade and investment liberalization in the region by 2020, with rich member nations such as Japan and the United States taking the lead by 2010.

The ministers said they would leave the specifics of the timetable to their leaders at Tuesday's summit in nearby Bogor.

But the two-day APEC ministerial meeting agreed on non-binding investment principles to ensure the free flow of capital in the region, as well as declarations on human development resources and the importance of the private sector.

Member governments hailed the new investment pact.

"This agreement is very significant," Japanese trade minister Ryutaro Hashimoto told a news conference.

"It is its first specific result and contributes greatly to an enhanced credibility of APEC. This is a very important first step," Hashimoto added.

APEC's 18 economies, including new member Chile, account for about 45 percent of trade in the world and half the global population, raising the prospect of a formidable new free trade bloc by the year 2020. (Reuters)

Still no news on nine US hostages held in Colombia

PAUL HAVEN
BOGOTA

AN agonizing silence fills the days of relatives and co-workers of nine Americans believed held hostage by leftist guerrillas, some of them for nearly two years.

Unlike the hostage-takers in Lebanon in the 1980s, the Colombian rebels don't make repeated demands or release evidence that their captives are alive.

That leaves the captives' loved ones wondering and always, always waiting.

"We're very strong, and we're coping, but no family can be prepared for this," said Susan Hargrove, whose husband, Tom, was kidnapped Sept. 23.

In this country with the world's highest kidnapping rate, Americans are increasingly becoming

targets. Six were abducted this year alone.

The rebels lack the power to overthrow the government, so they've turned to kidnapping to extort money and publicity. But in most cases, they haven't demanded ransom for their American hostages.

Peace talks between the government and the guerrillas broke off in 1992. Some observers believe the guerrillas are stockpiling Americans to force the government into reopening talks on their terms.

When rebels took two Americans from a missionary school in central Colombia in January, they demanded that the government enter peace talks. The guerrillas also protested the presence of US

troops, who were on a training mission in western Colombia during which they helped build a school and a clinic.

Although the US soldiers left Colombia in February, the two captives - Timothy Van Dyke and Steve Welsh - remain missing.

The captives' families and colleagues can only wait, not knowing if their loved ones are alive.

Susan Hargrove hasn't heard from her husband's captors, believed to be the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, the largest rebel group.

Hargrove, a 50-year-old native

of Rotan, Texas, was kidnapped as he drove home from the International Center for Tropical Agriculture in Cali, where he worked as an agriculture scientist.

On two occasions, officials told Mrs. Hargrove to pack her bags, that her husband was expected to be released within minutes. The tips proved false.

Mrs. Hargrove's two children have left college in the United States to be with her in Colombia. She spends most of her time near the phone, waiting for any word on the fate of her husband.

New Tribes Mission, an evangelical group based in Sanford, Fla., that works with Indian tribes, has seen five of its workers, including Van Dyke and Welsh,

disappear into the hands of Colombian rebels.

The other three - David Mankins, Richard Tenenoff and Mark Rich, an American raised in Peru - were taken from a New Tribes compound across the Panamanian border in January 1993.

The men's wives were given enough time to pack suitcases for them. Then the guerrillas marched their captives into the jungle.

Guy Sier, a New Tribes official in Bogota, hasn't heard from the guerrillas in almost a year. But he and his colleagues cling to the belief the men are alive.

"The reason we believe they are still alive is that we have heard no reliable rumors that they are not alive," Sier said. (AP)

BBC mistakenly reports the death of Queen Mother

LONDON (Reuters) - The BBC on Friday mistakenly released a news flash saying that Britain's 94-year-old Queen Mother had died.

Almost exactly a year ago, Australian television and radio stations had to apologize after broad-

casting a story that Britain's best-loved royal had died.

Red-faced BBC officials apologized after the story was put up on Ceefax, its teletext service. It flashed up on screen for just 30 seconds.

"For a matter of seconds, a line from a rehearsal script was carried. It was deleted almost immediately and a thorough check is underway. We apologize for any distress it may have caused," a BBC spokesman said.

He said the state-financed network had rung Clarence House, the London home of the Queen Mother, to offer its apologies.

A spokeswoman for the Queen Mother, who has canceled her weekend engagements because of a foot injury, laughed when told of the embarrassing mistake and said: "I'm sorry that the Queen Mother's life depends on a computer error."

The Australian broadcasts on November 12 last year were made after a television worker in Britain wrongly assumed a routine check on an obituary item on the Queen Mother was being broadcast for real.

He telephoned his mother in Queensland, Australia, to tell her the news. She rang the local radio station in Brisbane to tip them off and they put out the story. Others followed suit.

Meanwhile, a woman branded a "surrogate mom" for Princess Diana's two sons when they are with their father Prince Charles has agreed to a "no boyfriends" rule imposed by Buckingham Palace, a

British newspaper said yesterday. A book claimed last week that Diana was enraged to learn her estranged husband's aide, Tiggy Legge-Bourke, was spending more and more time with Prince William, 12, and Harry, 10, and even referred to them as her "babies."

The *Daily Mirror* said a palace official had told the 29-year-old woman that her job as a stand-in mother meant she could have no boyfriends in tow, and she agreed.

The paper said she had also given up her own flat to spend more time with the princes. Charles, the heir to the throne, and Diana separated two years ago.

Students attack Haiti's Education Ministry

PORT-AU-PRINCE (AP) - About 2,000 students who failed their high school exams ransacked the Education Ministry, smashing windows, breaking furniture and trying to force their way into the minister's office.

Police didn't show up until hours after the disturbance on Friday, underscoring the lack of security in Haiti despite the presence of thousands of US troops.

With the fall of the military regime, Haiti has been left without an effective police force. And the American soldiers are unwilling to act as Haiti's policemen.

Criminals apparently are taking advantage of the political turmoil. Two Haitian employees of the US Embassy were killed and a third was wounded while picking up the embassy payroll from a local bank.

Earlier in the week, there was a rash of robberies and burglaries in the city. At night, gunfire is often heard in poor neighborhoods.

"Having dismantled the Haitian police force, just whom are the occupying forces proposing to substitute in its place in order to guarantee the security of lives and property?" Le Nouvelliste, an independent newspaper published in the capital, said in an editorial Friday.

US forces arrived in Haiti in September to restore the elected government of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, who was ousted in a September 1991 military coup.



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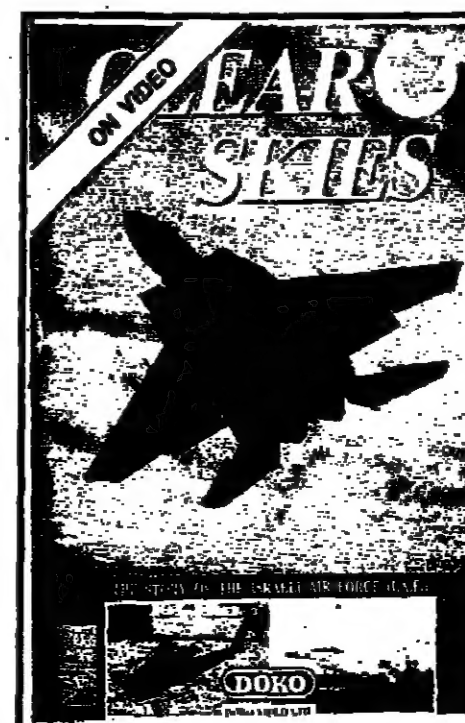


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A Jewish dietician's dream

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THERE seems to be no truth to the stereotype that Ashkenazi food is more fattening than Sephardi cuisine. That's apparent from an unusual Hebrew-language cookbook just produced by the clinical dieticians of Assaf Harofeh Hospital in Tel Aviv.

Assida brings, a Libyan dish of dough filled with smoked fish in a tomato sauce, weighs in at 850 calories per serving, while a sweet Polish *kugel* is only 190 calories and carrot *zimmes* just 94 calories per serving. One thing is certain: Sephardi food usually takes longer to prepare than Ashkenazi dishes.

The 200-page softcover volume, *Ma'achalei Edot: Dieta* (Diet Cookbook of Ethnic Foods) by clinical dietician Nurit Cohen, is not the ordinary cookbook found in the kitchen. Its 150 recipes are not only for making, but for helping dieticians to counsel patients.

"The thought behind the book is giving information to the general public about the nutritional components of familiar food like *melawah*, *kubbeh*, *couscous* and *borshi*," she says. "Patients who come to dieticians' units around the country come from a variety of ethnic groups, and for us professionals, it's important to recognize their dietary customs. This helps us to include in their recommended diets some of the familiar, home-cooked food they like without harming the diet itself."

There are no hot dogs or fish-and-chips recipes in this book: in fact, there are no ethnic "Anglo-Saxon" recipes at all. But there are plenty of entries from North Africa, the former Soviet Union, Eastern and Central Europe, the Middle East and the Balkans.

The recipes include the number of calories per serving, and grams of fat, protein and carbohydrates—as well as the time it takes to prepare them.

Cohen herself is a perfect recipe for compiling such a book: of Ashkenazi origin, she is married to a Tunisian and says she makes a great *couscous*. As deputy head of the nutrition and dietary service at Assaf Harofeh, she and her colleagues often heard demands from patients that their favorite ethnic food be included in their permitted diets. They gradually began to collect recipes from friends and relatives, and these are, checked, measured and assessed the foods.

The ethnic recipes do not appear in low-calorie versions; the original recipes are given, apparently in the belief that few people will be willing to substitute.

Cohen also provides model diets of 1,200, 1,500 and 1,800 calories.



The noninvasive SPECT scan gives doctors a three-dimensional image of a patient's heart function.

Take a good look at those organs

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

PATIENTS suspected of having blockages in their coronary arteries no longer need to be sent automatically for a potentially risky catheterization.

Instead, they can now lie back for a 20-minute noninvasive SPECT scan, enduring no more pain than a single injection. In about 20 minutes, the doctor gets a three-dimensional image of their heart function.

Catheterization is an ordeal in which an optic-fiber tube is threaded from a blood vessel in the groin into the heart.

SPECT, invented in the US in 1986, has only recently become an efficient, highly accurate and relatively cheap diagnostic tool.

The radioactive isotope thallium, which gives a very good picture of organ function, is now being surpassed by a newer isotope—about to win Health Ministry approval for clinical use—that provides an even better image.

SPECT (Single Photon Emission Computerized Tomography) has been used effectively here in the last year or two for diagnosis in a handful of local hospitals.

SPECT scans, manufactured by Elscint, are currently available at Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem, the capital's Shaare Zedek Hospital, Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer and a handful of other institutions.

The new isotope, called Technetium Sestamibi and produced by

the Nuclear Research Laboratory at Nahal Sorek, provides much more accurate information and higher-quality pictures than thallium. It has a half-life of six hours, compared with 72 hours for thallium, so it remains in the body for a shorter time and allows repeated SPECT scans almost immediately.

Unlike most new medical technology, the scanner is expected to return a hospital's investment in a relatively short time. Instead of having to perform expensive surgery on some patients to find out what's wrong with them, doctors can use the speedy SPECT to rule out the need for operations or other invasive procedures.

SPECT diagnoses abnormalities in the heart muscle and conditions affecting other organs with a much higher degree of accuracy than X-rays, computerized tomography (CT) and other techniques.

A SPECT scan costs about NIS 1,400, compared with more than NIS 15,000 for a catheterization and tens of thousands of shekels for an exploratory heart operation.

HADASSAH nuclear-medicine specialist Dr. David Schechter says his hospital has had a SPECT machine since 1987, but for the first few years it was utilized for research. Its use had to be fine-tuned for it to become a viable

diagnostic tool. The availability of improved isotopes has greatly improved its performance recently.

Shaare Zedek nuclear-medicine institute director Dr. Daniel Hain says the scan requires a stress test in which the patient walks on a treadmill at a quick pace to speed up his pulse.

"We give him an injection, via the arm, of an isotope of thallium. Five minutes later, we lay him down on the SPECT scan, which revolves around his body but doesn't even touch him. In 15 to 20 minutes, the scanner absorbs the rays from the isotope, collects two-dimensional pictures and the computer translates them into three dimensions, giving an exact, lifelike image of blood flow in the heart."

Hain says the test is painless and harmless, with no side effects. Shaare Zedek installed its SPECT machine a few months ago, at the same time doubling the size of its nuclear-medicine department at a total cost of \$400,000.

Until the renovated department was opened a few weeks ago, Shaare Zedek used a planar-technology scanner, which shows heart function in only two dimensions. That device is still used for simple cases.

Dr. Madi Moriel, a nuclear cardiologist at Shaare Zedek, says the SPECT is a much more pa-

tient-friendly procedure than catheterizations, which don't show all blood-perfusion (the spread of oxygen through the muscle tissue) problems in the heart muscle and can cause serious complications in some patients.

"Patients are so relaxed that they sometimes fall asleep during a SPECT scan," she says. "When that happens, we always wake the patient because sleeping can change the results."

Schechter says that mapping blood perfusion in the heart can, at an early stage, locate blockages and with proper treatment prevent a heart attack.

"And if the scan comes out negative, with good blood flow through the heart, the patient is saved from needlessly undergoing a catheterization."

A CT scan of the heart is more expensive than the SPECT and depicts only heart structure, not function.

Another noninvasive device, the echo Doppler, can also show blood perfusion in the heart, but it is much more expensive than the SPECT—and takes as long as 2½ hours for a single patient.

Hain says SPECT technology can also be used to detect metastasized cancer cells in bones, definitively diagnose Alzheimer's disease at an advanced stage, assess the success of coronary-bypass surgery and scan kidneys suspected of being diseased.

Rx for doctors: Self-help groups

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

WHEN Benjamin Maoz was a young GP in a rural district, he was overwhelmed by feelings of helplessness in dealing with some of his patients.

Today he is head of psychiatry at Soroka Hospital in Beersheba and has coauthored a book on the ills doctors suffer as part of their profession.

Studies abroad have shown that physicians suffer from disproportionately high incidence of suicide and alcoholism. Doctors have feelings, professional worries and personal problems, but they have few people to share them with.

If a family loses a loved one to a terrible disease and switches doctors in anger because the physician couldn't provide a cure, the doctor left behind may suffer terrible rejection which surfaces as cynical remarks or caustic humor, directed at colleagues or patients.

"If doctors become aware of their aggressions, they can perhaps have a closer look at them and find out what especially discharges their anger," according to the prize-winning book by Maoz and three other Israelis.

Doctors and Their Feelings: A Pharmacology of Medical Caring says aggression may be triggered by a gesture or tone of voice, certain words, or, most commonly, the chronically ill patient. "Nobody likes to face the failure or limits of the medical profession."

The 150-page book focuses on the benefits of doctors meeting in "Balint groups," named for a Hungarian-born Jewish psychiatrist who settled in England and wrote a book about the subject in the Fifties. Balint advocated small group discussions to help general practitioners understand the doctor-patient relationship and their role of healing.

During the following decades, many Balint groups were formed throughout most of Europe and the US; they were encouraged by the US National Institute of Mental Health and the American Psychiatric Association.

Self-help groups for physicians are still almost unknown here. Israel Medical Association chairwoman Dr. Miriam Tzangen said she "had heard about" such groups, but didn't have much information about them.

Fewer than 100 working physicians participate in Balint groups here; most of them are Russian immigrants with cultural, professional and absorption problems.

Maoz says that taking part in Balint groups is required by some of Israel's medical schools (such as Ben-Gurion University) of young medical-school graduates specializing in family medicine.

After reading Balint's books, Maoz says he learned to explore his patients' psychological, environmental and interpersonal problems; this often helped him detect the real cause of a physical complaint.

Balint groups help doctors cope not only with hostility and other negative feelings towards particularly difficult patients, but also with their own personal difficulties. Maoz gives an illustration in the book:

"As a young general practitioner working in a rural district... sometimes strong emotions of helplessness overcame me, especially when certain patients visited my office repeatedly and frequently with various so-called functional complaints, like irritable bowel syndrome or exaggerated manifestations of musculoskeletal pain, for which I could not find any medical, objective or scientific explanation."

The authors note that while general practitioners who receive patients in clinics are particularly isolated and could use the help of support groups, specialists in family medicine are more attuned to participating in support groups, since they have been taught to look at patients in a holistic way.

Coauthor Dr. Michael Herz describes his work as a young doctor in an unnamed London surgical department "known for its excellence." He describes the rectal clinic, which had six examining tables on which patients lay. "A large curtain divided the patients through the waist.... Nurses sat at the patients' heads to encourage them to keep still, while the doctors stuck various tubes in the other end. The patient and doctor never met. By the values of the department, there was no need for them." Herz says he became depressed, because he could "see no connection between the aspirations I had for my career and the professional environment in which I found myself."

The authors note that many physicians, especially those spending for themselves in office clinics, are very anxious about whether they have made the right diagnosis and taken symptoms seriously enough. Lack of confidence results in their sending patients through unnecessary tests and needlessly to hospital emergency rooms. The authors also tell of problems of "transference" in which patients idealize their doctors and form one-sided emotional attachments to them.

Having to tell patients they're dying also puts a heavy emotional burden on doctors. A 60-year-old teacher found to have lung cancer had difficulty breathing; his wife, who didn't know—or didn't want to know—about the terminal illness sobbed and appealed to a doctor to treat his "severe bout of pneumonia." The doctor, unable to get across the truth to her, insisted that "everything will be all right." Physicians must, say the authors, learn to set boundaries between themselves and their patients, taking a personal interest but not getting overinvolved. It is a fine line.

Some physicians, say the authors, are judgmental and blame patients for their illnesses, such as AIDS, lung cancer due to smoking, or heart disease resulting from an unhealthy life-style. They have trouble dealing with the actual disease because they see the patient as responsible for his ills.

In all of these cases, the authors argue, self-help groups can help doctors be aware of and express their feelings towards patients and themselves. Establishing large numbers of Balint groups, they conclude, could ease pressures on doctors here, whose job have a fair share of frustration and competition—there are double the number of doctors per capita here than in other Western countries.

The book, published by Praeger, has received a \$1,000 award and an honorable mention from the Dr. Esther Haas Foundation in the US. Haas's son, Paul Goldensohn of Nevada, flew here last week to present the award to the authors: Stanley Rabinowitz (formerly head of the IDF medical psychology unit, now working at Beit Loewenstein rehabilitation hospital in Ra'anana), Maoz (head of psychiatry at Soroka Hospital in Beersheba), Hava Elkan Katz (a senior family therapist at the Tel Aviv kibbutz clinic), and Herz (a family physician who teaches at Tel Aviv University's Sackler School of Medicine).

Study finds no reason to stop dyeing one's hair

Rx FOR READERS

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I am a healthy, 40-year-old woman whose grandmother had breast cancer. I have reached the age when I want to dye my hair to cover gray, but I read that long-term use of hair dye increases the risk of lymphoma and other cancers. This was even mentioned in a news magazine article about Jacqueline Kennedy-Onassis, who died of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. I know that millions of women dye their hair and don't get cancer, but it still worries me enough to give me a bit more gray hair. R.S., Tel Aviv

The Israel Cancer Association comments:

One of the largest and longest studies of the relationship between hair-dye use and cancer has produced no evidence of a relationship. The research, part of an ongoing Nurses' Health Study that

began in 1976, involved nearly 100,000 American women to assess the risk of certain cancers involving the blood or lymph system.

Charles Hennekens, chief of preventive medicine at Harvard Medical School and chief author of the study, wrote in February's *Journal of the (US) National Cancer Institute* that "if you look at the totality of evidence from all sources today on hair dyes, the evidence is far more reassuring than in any way alarming."

Hennekens explained that hair dye got a bad name early on when tremendously large amounts were applied to animals and then later on when researchers failed to take into account the smoking habits of the women who got cancer.

In an editorial in the same journal, Dr. Graham Colditz of the

department of medicine at Boston's Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School concluded on the basis of these findings that "even long use of hair dye for 20 or more years does not increase the total risk of death from cancer.... The public health impact of hair dye use is exceedingly small and does not warrant major new investigation. However, it is probably worth continuing to monitor associations such as those reported for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and multiple myeloma. [Still,] the evidence for cancer risk in relation to use of hair dyes is not sufficient to avoid hair-dye use."

The Israel Cancer Association notes that of the 5,500 women here diagnosed with cancer each year, only 150 suffer from non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. Some of them dyed their hair, but it's impossible to determine if there was a causal relationship between the disease and the use of hair dye.

I don't know whether to worry or not. My 11-year-old son sleeps every night with his mouth open. He doesn't snore and seems to have no nasal congestion. Is there any danger in this? T.R., Rehovot

Prof. Yosef Elidan, head of the ear-nose-and-throat department at Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem, replies:

Sleeping with one's mouth open can cause drying of the membranes of the throat. It can be the result of some obstruction of the

pharynx, so you should take him to an ear-nose-and-throat specialist for an examination. If no such obstruction can be found, you don't have to worry. The nose filters out foreign particles from the airways, but practically, his health won't be harmed if he sleeps with his mouth open.

Rx For Readers welcomes queries from readers about medical problems. Experts will answer those we find most interesting, and replies will be printed in the twice-monthly column on the Health Page.

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Be happy, healthy with the right dose of magnesium

HEALTH SCAN

POST HEALTH REPORTER

MAGNESIUM is vital to a large number of biological functions in the body, but many people don't consume enough foods containing this important trace mineral.

Natural, uncooked sources of magnesium are best because it is destroyed during food processing, and vegetables lose magnesium during steaming or other methods of cooking.

Amit Ganor, head of the dietary service in Kupat Holim Clalit's Hasharon district, writes about magnesium in the latest issue of *Merkehon Livnat* (published by the Israel Pharmacists Association and the Hildaot health fund). She notes that magnesium is plentiful in wheat germ, tofu, nuts, fish, whole-grain flour, peanut butter, green vegetables, dried apricots, watermelon, dry beans and sunflower seeds.

Less than half of the magnesium in the diet is absorbed by the body, Ganor says. Consuming proteins and vitamin B₆ with these foods increases the absorption of magnesium, but it is reduced in people who drink large amounts of alcohol, are tense and anxious and do a lot of exercise. A recent local study found blood levels of magnesium dropped significantly in athletes who completed a 120-kilometer march, and remained at low levels for a long period.

Ganor notes groups most likely to be magnesium deficient include

adolescents, pregnant women, diabetics, alcoholics, people who follow an intensive exercise regimen and patients taking diuretics.

Inadequate magnesium levels have been linked to hypertension, heart disease and migraine headaches. The dietician notes that the recommended daily allotment of magnesium is 350 milligrams in men and 300 mgs. in women. At 6,000 mgs. a day it begins to be poisonous, with diarrhea the initial symptom.

She advises people who want to take magnesium supplements to consult a doctor, since megadoses of magnesium can harm people with heart and kidney diseases and even disrupt the nutritional balance of healthy people.

JOINT PROGRAM

FOR GERIATRIC CARE

Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem and the city's Herzog geriatric hospital have teamed up to establish a joint specialty in geriatrics. The new program will certify doctors as geriatrics specialists after they spend two years in Hadassah's internal-medicine department, headed by Prof. Micha Levy, and two years at Herzog, directed by Prof. Ya'akov Menzel.

There is already clinical cooperation between the two hospitals; elderly patients with acute medical problems who need continued treatment in a rehabilitative institution are transferred to Herzog.

which has 200 beds exclusively for the elderly. Hadassah has a special team that follows up the treatment of all patients over the age of 75 and advises doctors on all matters related to the aged.

ELKELES PRIZE

FOR ICHILOV DOCTOR

Prof. Shlomo Weintraub, head of the pediatric-orthopedics department at Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv, has been awarded the NIS 35,000 Elkeles Trust Foundation Prize for his research and clinical work. Weintraub also teaches at Tel Aviv University's Sackler School of Medicine.

The late Ludwig Elkeles, a supporter of the Jewish National Fund, bequeathed money to a foundation in memory of his parents to honor outstanding Israeli medical researchers. The fund is administered by the JNF.

Weintraub, 48, who conducted important research here and in the US and Britain, has focused on the physiological processes involved in the growth of bones. He has tried to show causes within the bone that are responsible for bone degeneration in old age.

STUDY LINKS ABORTION

AND BREAST CANCER

A new study that claims women

who have abortions may raise their risk of breast cancer by as much as 50 percent has elicited a great deal of controversy in the US.

The research, which appeared in the *Journal of the (US) National Cancer Institute*, was conducted by scientists at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center in Seattle. Led by Dr. Janet Daling, it was based on analysis of interviews with 845 breast-cancer patients and 961 healthy women of the same age group.

The study claimed that the highest risks were observed when the abortion was performed on women younger than 18—particularly if it took place after eight weeks' gestation—or in women age 30 or above. The risk, Daling said, was not affected by the number of natural miscarriages or live babies the women delivered.

Dr. Noel Weiss, who coauthored the study, told the Associated Press that it would be premature for women to base any abortion decision on the study, but that the findings were "provocative." If they are replicated by future studies, he said, they should be taken seriously.

Lynn Rosenberg of the Boston University School of Medicine, who reviewed the study, said the results were "very preliminary and have not been confirmed. There is a body of evidence that comes before this that largely

shows no association between abortion and the risk of breast cancer," she said.

Rosenberg added that the 50 percent increased risk found by the study is actually a "very small added risk." Since the annual risk of breast cancer for a 40-year-old woman is 0.4 per 1,000, a 50-percent increase would raise it to 0.6 per 1,000.

DR. ME

Members of parliaments who are also physicians have been invited to the next meeting, on December 2 in Paris, of the International Medical Parliamentarians Organization. The IMPO, with members in more than 40 countries, aims at enabling legislators to discuss policy making in the health field.

The Knesset has three MDs—Prof. Yoram Lass (Labor), Gonen Segov (Yit'ud) and Health Minister Ephraim Sneh. Lass, a former rector of the Tel Aviv University medical school, is the first to say he's attending the meeting.

One vice president of the group is a member of the Egyptian parliament, and another is from Indonesia. Lass, who notes that for years Egyptian physicians have shown hostility to their Israeli counterparts despite the peace agreement, hopes the meeting will lead to improved links with doctor-legislators in other countries.

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A weapon in the negotiations

ISRAELIS may be forgiven for withholding cheers from the Palestinian Authority police for rounding up 120 Islamic Jihad activists yesterday.

The exact same procedure was followed by the PA after the three terrorist incidents last month involving Hamas which cost 26 Israeli lives. Then, too, the PA announced the arrest of a large number of Hamas activists, but only six are still in custody. Such pro forma arrests, particularly when accompanied by Palestinian demands to release all convicted Hamas and Jihad terrorists in Israeli jails, can hardly be taken seriously.

What must be taken seriously is that the killing of three Israeli officers on Friday was committed by an organization whose cadres train openly, carry arms in public, loudly incite to murder and organize unhindered demonstrations in the center of Gaza with the unstinting approval of the PA.

In what can only be called an insult to common sense, the government and Palestinian spokesmen have claimed that there is no way to prevent a suicidal individual from blowing himself up with his intended victims. The plain fact is that no individual can plan such an operation on his own, find the right explosives, prepare them in the sophisticated and intricate manner required to detonate them effectively at the right time, and coordinate the logistics of the strike. Only an organization can do all this.

Nor is the organization involved in Friday's incident a mysterious underground body. Sure of its ability to act with impunity, Islamic Jihad as much as announced in advance the suicidal mission of "martyr" Hisham Hamad, in a rally held for its leader Hani Abed, assassinated a week

before. It was a mass rally, open to the press and attended by members of the Palestinian Police.

What made the killing of three Israelis possible was that the very same police neither saw fit to watch the roads out of Gaza for terrorists carrying bombs, nor warned the IDF of the imminent danger. The lone suicidal bomber was but the last link in a long chain.

The PA's real thinking can be discerned not in the publicized arrests of Jihad activists but in the demand, made even before the three officers were buried, that all the Jewish settlements in Gaza be removed. It is their presence, said Yasser Arafat's chief negotiator Nabil Sha'ath yesterday, which makes the security situation in Gaza so shaky. The demand is not new. It was made by Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni a few hours before the attack. "For the sake of security, the settlements should be removed," she told a radio audience on Friday morning.

It is this demand which clarifies the purpose of the Hamas and Jihad attacks. They are not aimed against the peace process. They aim to achieve Israeli withdrawal. This does not mean that there is coordination on the operational level between the PA and the Jihad. It is even likely that Arafat would prefer that the Islamic groups mount their operations from areas not under his control.

But the usefulness of such attacks is undeniable. Their message to Israel is: the faster you withdraw, the fewer casualties you will suffer. And when such a message is delivered by PLO negotiators and reinforced by government ministers on the Israeli side, it is difficult to deny the effectiveness of terrorism as a weapon in the negotiations.

Two cheers for Austria

AUSTRIAN President Thomas Klestil arrives on a state visit today to further normalize his country's ties with Israel. While the visit and the improved relations with Austria are welcome, Klestil will face some hard questioning by officials and the media here.

The trouble with Austria, in contrast to Germany, is the lingering perception of a former Nazi country that has been too slow and too shallow in recognizing the enormous responsibility it has to the Jewish people. A group of senior Israeli journalists who spent last week closely questioning key Austrian political figures also came away with the impression that such perceptions are not unjustified.

In many ways, the Austrian government is ahead of the Austrian people in recognizing a special responsibility to acknowledge the past and safeguard the future. As leaders of Vienna's Jewish community told the visiting Israelis, Austria has the best anti-Nazi laws in Europe and the worst implementation of them. While government officials are eager to emphasize the undoubtedly comfortable circumstances of the Jewish community, the commendable policies to educate the young about the World War II period and the Holocaust, and the impeccable operation of democratic procedures, the cracks beneath the surface gloss are all too apparent.

Klestil himself insists that the extreme rightist Freedom Party of Jörg Haider is not extreme, not dangerous, and not antisemitic. All Austrian moderates proclaim that Haider's party is a democratic fringe group - like the Greens - despite its 22

percent showing in October's parliamentary elections. That vote, they claim, was a mere protest against the cozy lethargy of the two main political parties.

It takes little time in Vienna to understand that cozy complacency is the norm. Haider is far too clever to be caught with a smoking gun of neo-Nazism in his hand. Most Austrian officials are apologetic and defensive about the poor image of Austria he is projecting abroad. For Israelis, the Haider controversy and Austrian attitudes to it have powerful echoes of the Kurt Waldheim presidency years. Yet those who have worked with Haider consider him an extremely worrisome phenomenon. As one said: "Waldheim was a big liar but a little Nazi. Haider is much more dangerous because he rarely shows his true colors, but his supporters know what he stands for."

Haider is not an isolated issue; he comes at the end of a line of "unfortunate developments." The first was the Austrian embrace of the *anschluss* with Nazi Germany, the second was the long silence on the issue, as if Austria had been a victim rather than a collaborator, the third was Vienna's failure to emulate Germany in paying reparations to Holocaust survivors, and the fourth was Waldheim's election.

President Klestil has done much to improve Austria's relations with Israel and for that he deserves a warm thanks and a warm welcome. He can do one more thing, as much for his own people as for Israelis - he can and should make a clear and unequivocal apology for Austria's war crimes when he addresses the Knesset this week.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DETERMINING FUTURE BORDERS

Sir, - We are already well past the "whether" question of a Palestinian state and are considering only the "how much" of its territorial borders and the "when" of self-determination.

Jerusalem aside, Chairman Arafat wants as much territory as possible for his new state, but cannot deliver the security Israel reasonably must have. Nor can Mr. Arafat be seen to agree that Israel should give up less than the entire West Bank. What is lacking is for the Palestinians to see that they have as much to gain from peace, and as much at risk without it, as do the Israelis.

Prime Minister Rabin should announce that the Palestinian state will consist, *a priori*, of the West Bank (not counting Jerusalem and existing settlements along the Green Line) as it stood before the 1967 war, minus as much territory as Israel needs for its security. The final configuration will be defined as the border that exists after, say, three continuous years of peace, without terrorism.

Under this formula, each Palestinian will choose the size of the country. Every time a terrorist kills or injures an Israeli, Mr. Rabin will extend Israel's pre-'67 border a small way into the West Bank, as Israel alone decides its security requirements. Every non-Israeli living in the annexed portion will be moved out, without compensation. Israel will be that much larger, and the Palestinian state that much smaller. And the three-year clock will be reset.

The Palestinians will have only their own to blame for each hectare lost. And eventually, they will see that the way of Hamas costs them more pain than Israel in the coins in which they seem most interested: ter-

ritory and the delay until they achieve self-government.

This proposal does not pretend to address all of the issues that need resolution, including Jerusalem and the disposition of existing settlements scattered in the interior of the West Bank. These issues will come in the final settlement, after a significant period of real peace. It does, however, provide a self-executing formula that lets everyone turn away from the extremists on both sides and focus on an eventual peace. As time free of terrorism lengthens, the Palestinians' investment in their homeland will increase and their support of the terrorists will decrease. Likewise, the Israelis will gain more confidence in their neighbors' good intentions. Each time the clock is restarted, they can both see whom to blame.

DAVID LYLE SEGAL
Philadelphia.

FRIENDSHIP WITH THE BRITISH

Sir, - I think the time has come to make up with the British and to restore our friendship of the Balfour days, without which there would have been no State of Israel. Moreover, without the British victory at El-Alamein (which occurred on about the same date as the Balfour Declaration, but 25 years later), the Yishuv would have perished and Israel could not have been born.

These facts are hardly known to the younger generation and it is high time to bring them to the fore.

SINAI LEICHTER
Jerusalem.

THE FOURTH ANTI-TANK TROOP

Sir, - The undersigned are working on a history of the Fourth Anti-Tank Troop, in which we served with fellow "Anglo-Saxon" Mahal volunteers from the United States, Britain, Canada, South Africa and Australia during the War of Independence.

We are trying to reach as many of our former comrades as possible, a number of whom settled in Israel, and obtain a biographical sketch from each one.

It should ideally contain a brief description of pre-1948 residence and activities, including World War II service, recollections and anecdotes of service in Israel, and general post-war activities to the present. Photos, as well as notifications from relatives of deceased ex-4th Troopers, are welcome.

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Sir, - I am shocked by one phrase appearing in Gershon Gorenberg's article, "Gone shopping" (*Perspective*, October 30). To quote: "... in the battle between West Bank settlers and supporters of peace..."

The "settlers" want peace as much as anybody else. They just don't agree that the way to achieve it is the way the so-called "supporters of peace" are going about it.

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An emphasis on aliya

"We are a unique nation," President Ezer Weizman told US President Bill Clinton upon his arrival at Ben-Gurion Airport. "We have a mission to bring our brethren from the four corners of the earth to their homeland."

But if two of our most distinguished columnists had their way, this unique mission would belong to the past.

Both Yosef Goell ("Too many people in one tiny state," October 14) and Abraham Rabinovich ("Post-Zionist era is here," October 26) have recently suggested de-emphasizing aliya, insisting that our nation has become too crowded and must concentrate on those already here.

They insist that Zionism has won the struggle, and the "national interest" of preventing overcrowding should win out over an ideology that has passed its time.

It is not clear what specific changes they want in the Law of Return. Although they say the right of every Jew to settle here must remain inviolate, they propose in the same breath granting that right only to those in need or who have sufficient Jewish consciousness.

What they propose would tear apart our society no less so than if Syrian missiles slammed into our heartland.

Our national identity is based on our belief that the right of aliya is inherent in being a Jew. Those in dispersion have an inalienable right to citizenship in their homeland, if they wish it. That is why it was the first law passed after statehood. If we take this away, we are in effect saying that the Jewish people's right to live in this land is not all-encompassing.

As David Ben-Gurion said in presenting the bill to the Knesset: "This right preceded the state of Israel; it is that which built the state."

Goell and Rabinovich are mistaken when they suggest that the cardinal role of Israel is as a haven for Jews in distress. They are remembering only an important tree in the forest of Zionism, whose main trunk clearly is that Israel is the only place where Jews can live a full national life with their own people in their own culture and in their own land.

THE DIASPORA, even in democratic nations, is a very dangerous place for Jews. One look at intermarriage rates in the US shows

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A MAN who amputated his leg by placing it on a railway track in the path of an oncoming train said afterward he had no regrets and had planned the act to the last detail.

"I do not regret what I have done," said Ian Hudson, 28, as he recovered in hospital in Winchester, southern England.

"I knew exactly what I was doing, even to building up piles of stones on either side of the track to rest my leg on."

Hudson, whose leg was sliced above the knee, was driven to the extreme measure after undergoing several operations and suffering intense pain from the limb, which was deformed in a motorcycle accident in 1988.

Surgeons recently told the former landscape gardener they would amputate it, but then changed their minds and decided to try to save it. Afterwards, Hudson continued to suffer severe pain.

"No one else knows the pain I had and what I went through over the last years. Now it is sorted out once and for all," Hudson said.

DID YOU ever wonder why Abraham Lincoln chose to run for the US presidency? It may have

BRIAN FREEMAN

why our survival is dependent on living here.

Because no matter how secular a Jew is here, he or she will almost certainly marry another Jew. And there is no doubt: the most secular Jew here knows more about his people and culture than a secular Jew in the Diaspora. The Hebrew language, schooling, and the cycle of life here ensure that.

Even if it is true that the country is becoming overcrowded, should that be a reason to turn our backs on one of our most cherished beliefs? If the pioneers could come here and, against all odds, lay the foundations for a state by building agricultural settlements, industry, political parties, culture, and an army, are we not able - with all our technology - to make better use of the available space?

Let's not over-inflate the Diaspora's importance. Israel is the treasure-house of the Jewish people

Other crowded countries, such as Japan, thrive despite limited land.

There is no reason why more people cannot live in the Galilee and the Negev, and make it more livable by "bringing those areas closer" to the center of the country, through improved roads and an efficient railway system.

BUT THE columnists say national interest must be the criterion for aliya.

Well, immigration is definitely in the national interest. Most observers base the economy's boom over the last few years on the large influx of newcomers, which has led to development and a rising GNP.

And Rabinovich's suggestion that we should declare a Zionist victory is ludicrous.

Does anyone really think Zionism's victory is assured? Does anyone think the Palestinians will share the view that the country is too crowded, and stop bringing in their own brethren whenever they can?

There are currently some 4.3 million Jews and 2.9 million Palestinians in the Land of Israel. If we take the advice of Goell and Rabinovich and become complacent

about the population, we shall soon see more Palestinians here than Jews, creating an even greater problem than overpopulation.

Rabinovich slams the fact that one-third of the immigrants from the former Soviet Union are non-Jewish relatives of those arriving under the Law of Return. But that's the very point needed to stress the importance of aliya. To remain Jewish under the 70-year reign of the oppressive Communist regime surely took a stamina most of us would find difficult to sustain.

That there was intermarriage and assimilation is understandable, and we should be grateful that our brethren came here before it was entirely too late, before the next generation lost its identity altogether.

Here, those who don't know much about their Judaism will be absorbed into a culture filled with it, no matter what some religious leaders say about the so-called spiritual vacuum in our secular youth.

There are, no doubt, some non-Jews who slip through the cracks and enter the country illegally. Every effort should be made to prevent this abuse of the system. All laws have their shortcomings, but that is no reason for an overhaul.

I have nothing against the Diaspora. Jews who want to remain there should stay. But let's not over-inflate their importance.

AIPAC and Moroccan Jewry have generously provided fine services to Israel, but their efforts pale in comparison to those Jews who live here, serve in the army, and help develop the culture and economy. No matter how much aid and support we receive from abroad, it would all be meaningless if there wasn't a population willing to stay here under any circumstances.

In any case, enough Jews will stay in the Diaspora, even with our most strenuous efforts at bringing them here. We needn't fear its disappearance.

But we should continue the effort to promote aliya - not as beggars, but as the holders of a treasure we wish to share with our brethren.

We should tell them to come here, live among us, and contribute their talents to their own society, not to a place where their efforts are swallowed up in the greater non-Jewish environment.

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Future shock

JESSICA MATHEWS

THE human genome is about to become the most incendiary scientific frontier since Charles Darwin's heretical insights burst upon Victorian England.

The mapping of the genome - a federally funded crash effort launched in the mid-'80s to identify every human gene - is beginning to unleash a torrent of information for which this society is almost completely unprepared.

Much of this genetic information will be perilous. It will tell us whether we are likely to die young of an untreatable disease. It may tell us our personal endowments of traits that make up what we now grossly call intelligence, perhaps sparking calls for educational tracking from an early age. It will reveal predispositions to various forms of mental illness. It will tell us what the future holds for a prospective spouse and hundreds of characteristics of an unborn child. Pregnancy could become a hideous lottery of deciding whether to hang on to a particular set of genes, or hope that a subsequent fetus might be an improvement.

The US public is woefully unready for the effort to identify every human gene.

One recent study found that 11 percent of couples would abort a fetus carrying a gene for obesity.

The information will come without the knowledge to understand its consequences for us individually or collectively, and without the means - new institutions, laws, regulations and a large corps of genetic counselors - to use it wisely or even safely.

With much of the research being carried out in for-profit laboratories, there is little time to think through a measured response. Each new bit of genetic information is being rushed into the commercial medical marketplace.

Within weeks of the discovery of the colon cancer gene, 10 companies had bought the rights to develop a screening test for it.

IN JUST this last year, genes have been identified that confer varying degrees of predisposition to breast, uterine, ovarian and colon cancer, to osteoporosis and to male homosexuality. The first apparently successful permanent gene therapy was announced. A Boston doctor began offering fee-for-service testing of the gene for Huntington's disease, an incurable, fatal illness. The National Academy of Sciences reported that healthy people are losing jobs and insurance because of a high-risk condition they or their as-yet unborn children may have.

The same study warned that genetic tests will have to achieve near zero error rates because the cost of false positives will be so horrendous: lifelong anxiety, emotional damage and individuals who may needlessly choose not to marry or have children. An accurate result would do the same to an individual warned of an 80 percent risk who happens to be one of the lucky 20 percent.

Even a wholly accurate prediction of a condition for which nothing can be done would be a curse. Yet members of high-risk families will find it hard to resist the temptation to be released from a life-time of worry.

But the familiar metaphor of the genome as a fixed blueprint is misleading. Our genetic inheritance is more a set of changeable potentialities that act on the environment and are acted upon by it. Nonetheless, a nation of diverging gene pools would be immeasurably more divided along the already troubled fault lines of class and race than it is today.

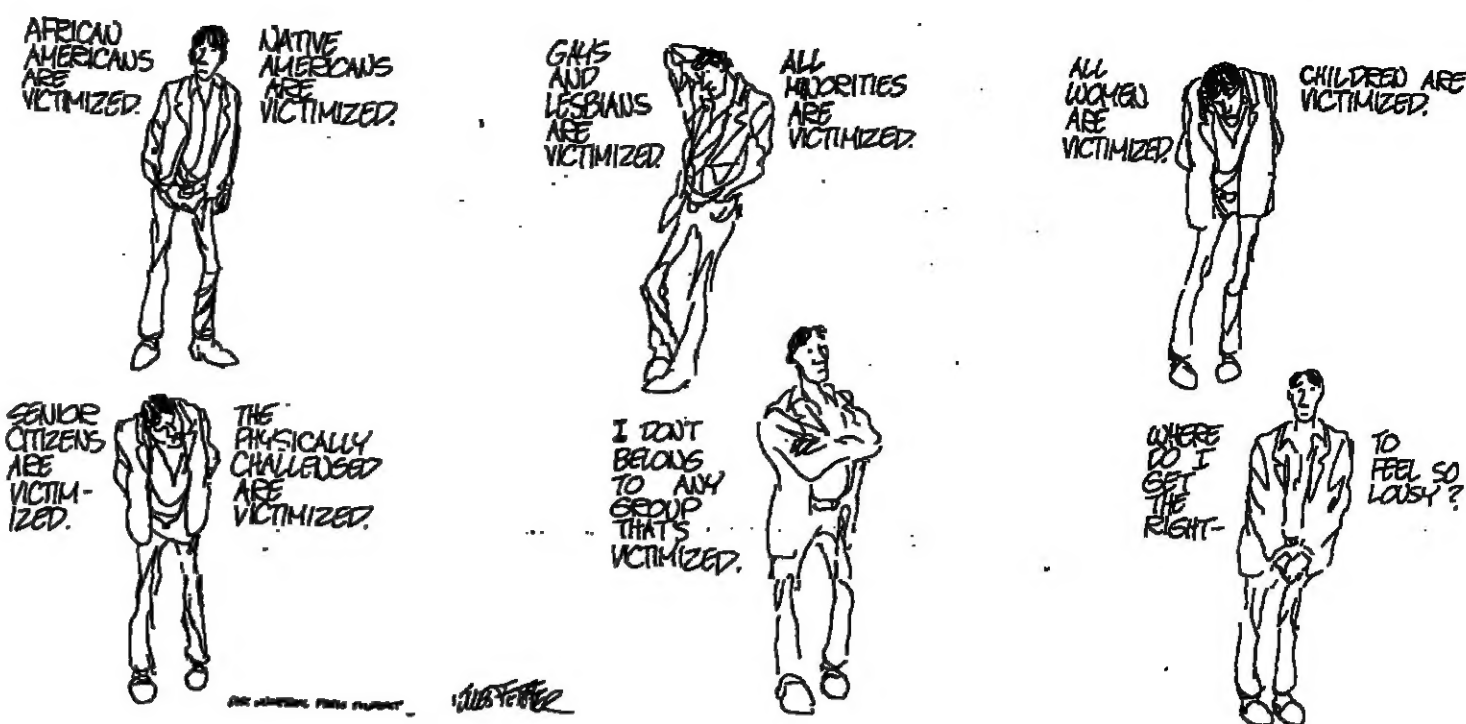
The medical, legal, ethical and social implications of the genetic information revolution have not been ignored. Some of the Human Genome Project funds were set aside for studies that are producing a stream of scholarly papers. Various advisory and study commissions exist, and more are being proposed.

None of this is enough. If last year's health care debate proved anything, it is that a conversation among experts, even the development of a consensus among experts, is not sufficient on issues like these. The public as a whole needs to grapple with them.

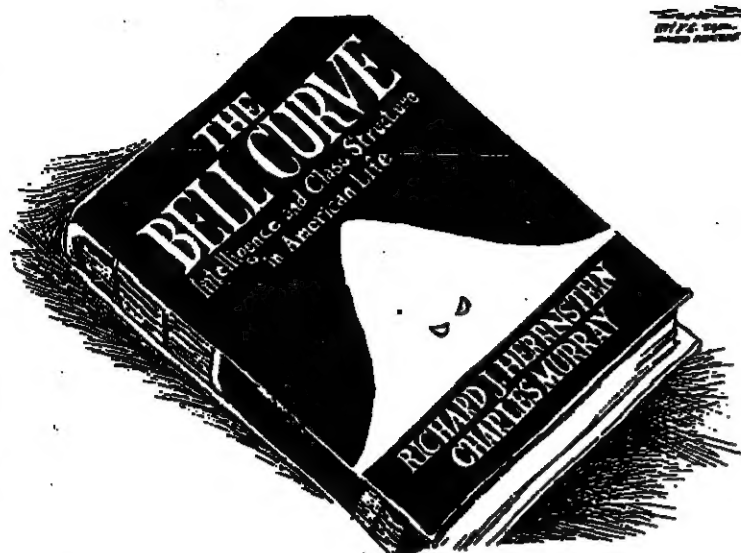
If such a broad public conversation on the genetic revolution does not begin very soon, the mapping of the human genome - a towering achievement - could quickly become a scientific Pyrrhic victory.

(Washington Post)

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David Greenberg



Washington Diarist:

Readers may think that every Rnook and cranny of Charles Murray and Richard J. Herrnstein's book *The Bell Curve* has been thoroughly examined. Perhaps. Regrettably, though, I have something to add. I want to address just one "finding" of the book — that as a group, "Ashkenazi Jews of European origin" have higher I.Q.s than other ethnic groups. Two weeks ago my colleague Leon Wieseltier wrote that he was "repulsed" to read this section of the book. His cogent reasoning made me embarrassed at my first reaction — which was not repulsion at all but, in fact, a ticklish sense of delight. With a mischievous grin, I brandished a smoking Xerox of page 275 of *The Bell Curve* around the office, eventually pinning it on my bulletin board

next to an old *New Yorker* cartoon. It was a moment of visceral chauvinist sentiment, reminiscent of the pride I took in learning that Lauren Bacall or Pissarro or Rod Carew were co-religionists. Of course, after the initial guilty pleasure always came the realization that taking such pride in those guys meant also taking special shame from a whole gamut of embarrassments, from Olivia Newton-John (her grandfather was the Jewish Nobel Prize-winning physicist Max Born) to Richard Herrnstein. Similarly, I can't put any stock in *The Bell Curve*'s "finding" about Jews unless I put stock in its other findings. That's something I'm not prepared to do, certainly not unless I read the first 274 pages.

One of the most insipid practitioners of P.C. is film reviewer Jane Horowitz of the *Washington Post*, a.k.a. "The Family Filmgoer," who gives a movie a thumbs-up for any traces of social do-goodism. Blatant self-esteem messages for girls, the use of sign language, passing references to Buddhist philosophy — all these earn a movie bonus points. But behind Ms. Filmgoer's veneer of touchy-feely liberalism lurks a reactionary premise: the point of her column, like its *New York Times* counterpart, "Taking the Children," is to evaluate films not on artistic merit but on their suitability for youngsters. Appropriately, Ms. Filmgoer displays the intellect of a preadolescent. She writes under

the patronizing assumption that kids need to be shielded from on-screen sex and violence. Of one movie she writes: "Filled with profanity and violence, plus brief instances of nudity, drug use and cruelty to animals." Of another: "Highly explicit sex and profanity make this tough to recommend for all but the oldest of teens." Other nibblets include a revoltingly smug "P.S. FOR KIDS," as though she imagines 10-year-olds racing past Calvin and Hobbes to lap up her tidbits of wisdom. These addenda address kids as though they were stroke victims. To wit: "In 1987 Steve Martin starred in *Roxanne*, about a guy with an incredibly huge nose. It's funny. You could rent it," she writes. Thanks for the tip, grandma.

Like most advocates of record labels, video game ratings and other forms of watered-down censorship, Ms. Filmgoer is blind to the ability of children to criticize what they see and hear. Of *Natural Born Killers*, she writes: "Stone's condemnation of the media and the criminal justice system is pretty clear, but his presentation may be too sophisticated for most teens." If any reviewer considers Oliver Stone sophisticated, then it is the kids who should be accompanying her to the movies. Ms. Filmgoer values a movie if it offers a "lesson" or "message" that tots

can easily and uncritically absorb. Child psychologists urge parents not to talk baby talk to their toddlers, since it underestimates and infantilizes them; Ms. Filmgoer's columns are the journalistic equivalent of baby talk. It is only through exposure to sophisticated (and sometimes disturbing) films that kids can learn to develop critical faculties. The last thing they need is a simple moral message from Hollywood.

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Alan Dershowitz

A Royal "Abuse Excuse"

I just returned from a short visit to England, where I appeared on a television talk show to discuss the "abuse excuse," a subject on which I have just published a book. Made famous by such cases as the Menendez brothers, Lorena Bobbitt and Tonya Harding, the "abuse excuse" is the attempt to evade responsibility for one's actions by claiming to be a victim of abuse. Whenever I have discussed the abuse excuse with Brits, the common response has been that this is a uniquely American phenomenon. As one member of the aristocracy put it to me, "Englishmen are bred not to make excuses."

Now the most prominent Englishman of all — Prince Charles, heir to the British throne — has invoked an abuse excuse in an attempt to evade responsibility for his marriage to Princess Diana. A recently published biography of the Prince of Wales — authorized by Charles — claims that Charles' parents, the Queen and Prince Philip, emotionally abused their son, sent him to a physically and psychologically abusive school, and denied him the love and affection of a normal childhood. Moreover, Charles' father made him marry Princess Diana, a woman he did not love, by giving him an ultimatum.

As in the United States, the public is divided between those sympathetic to the prince's abuse excuse and those who doubly condemn him — first, for his marital discord and second, for his attempt to blame his parents for the decision he made as a mature adult. To complicate matters even further, there are those who argue that the prince may be right about the substance of his

excuse, but that one of the burdens of royalty is to suffer in silence. As Prince Philip put it: "I've never made any comment about any member of the family in 40 years and I'm not going to start now."

Obviously, Prince Charles would have preferred to remain silent as his predecessors had done for centuries, but he recognizes that he lives in a different age — an age in which there are no secrets. Several books have already been published presenting Princess Diana's version of the royal breakup, in which Charles is presented as a cold and distant adulterer. Silence was not serving the prince well. He needed his own spin doctors to retrieve his dignity, and so he authorized both a biographical television film and book to present his side of the story.

What is significant is the nature of the defense he chose to present, namely that he was the victim of cold, aloof parents and that the loveless marriage was forced upon him. This royal version of "my abusive daddy made me do it" sounds like the daily fare of TV talk shows that infest America. They obviously infest England too, as evidenced by an editorial cartoon in the *London Times* showing a telephone hotline on which a disturbed caller — obviously the prince — is complaining about his parents. One distinguished English commentator put it this way: "The prince subscribes to the culture of complaint and is laying claim to his right of victimhood... Californians would call (it) a significant step in the prince's personal development."

Despite its American pedigree, I do not believe that we can be blamed entirely for the spread of the abuse excuse across

the Atlantic. Trying to justify wrongful behavior by blaming others is as old as Adam and Eve's attempt to blame the serpent and as universal as the child's cry of "I didn't mean to do it." Excuses are part of everyday life all over the world, and there is no evidence they are abating.

What is changing is our apparent willingness to accept excuses without considering the moral implications of such acceptance. It may well be true, as a matter of fact, that Prince Charles married Princess Diana because of his father's ultimatum (though decisions of this kind are obviously caused by multiple factors). Even so, that should not allow Prince Charles to evade responsibility for his act. His father was not holding a gun to his head. He always had the option of abdicating his royal role, as his great-uncle did for the love of a woman.

Just as the Menendez brothers, Lorena Bobbitt and Tonya Harding had options other than the violent ones they chose, so too, Prince Charles had options other than the marital one he chose. To understand an action by reference to its causal elements, is not necessarily to justify that action. Everyone has a reason for what he/she has done, and in today's culture of complaint, every reason becomes an excuse.

So now the debate over the abuse excuse is raging on both sides of the Atlantic. At least the Brits will no longer be able to point to America as the land of excuses. Let us keep a watchful eye on how our English-speaking sister nation deals with its royal abuse excuse.

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"PSSST!...NO, CHARLES—THAT'S 'OFF WITH HER HEAD!'"

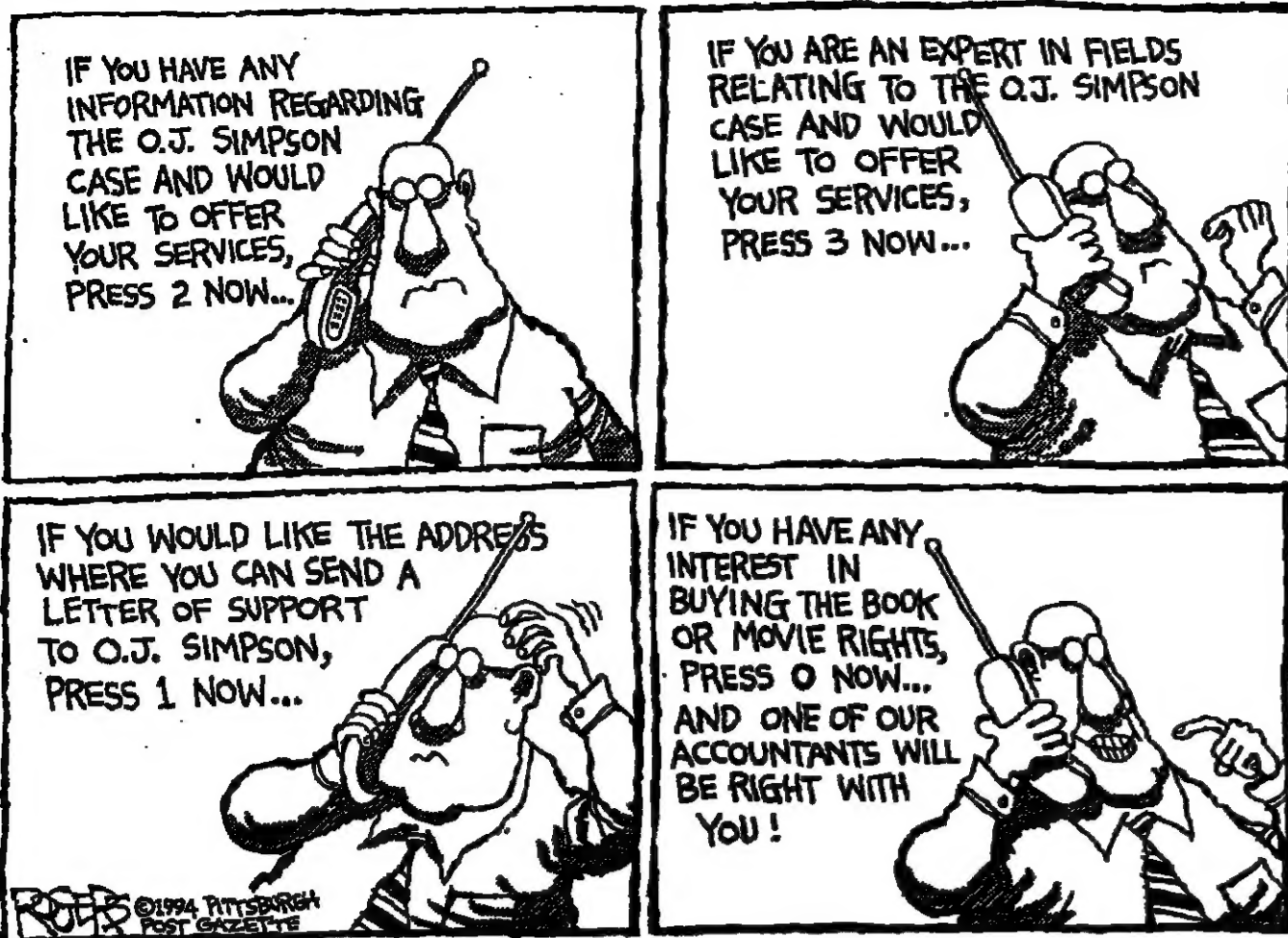
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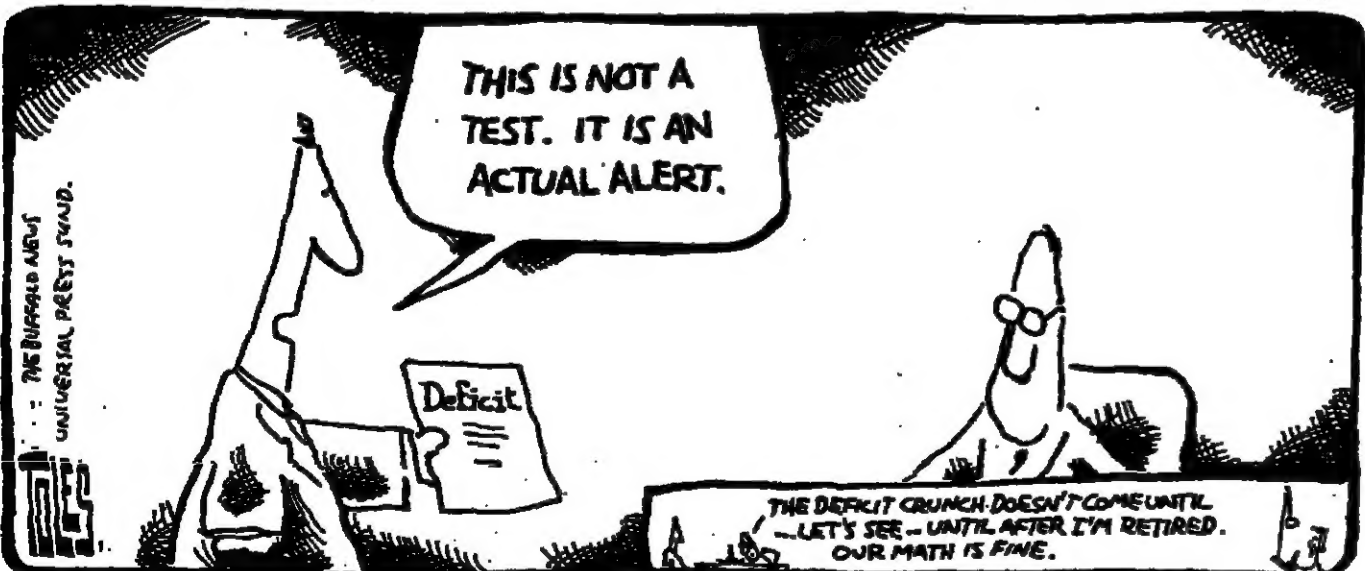
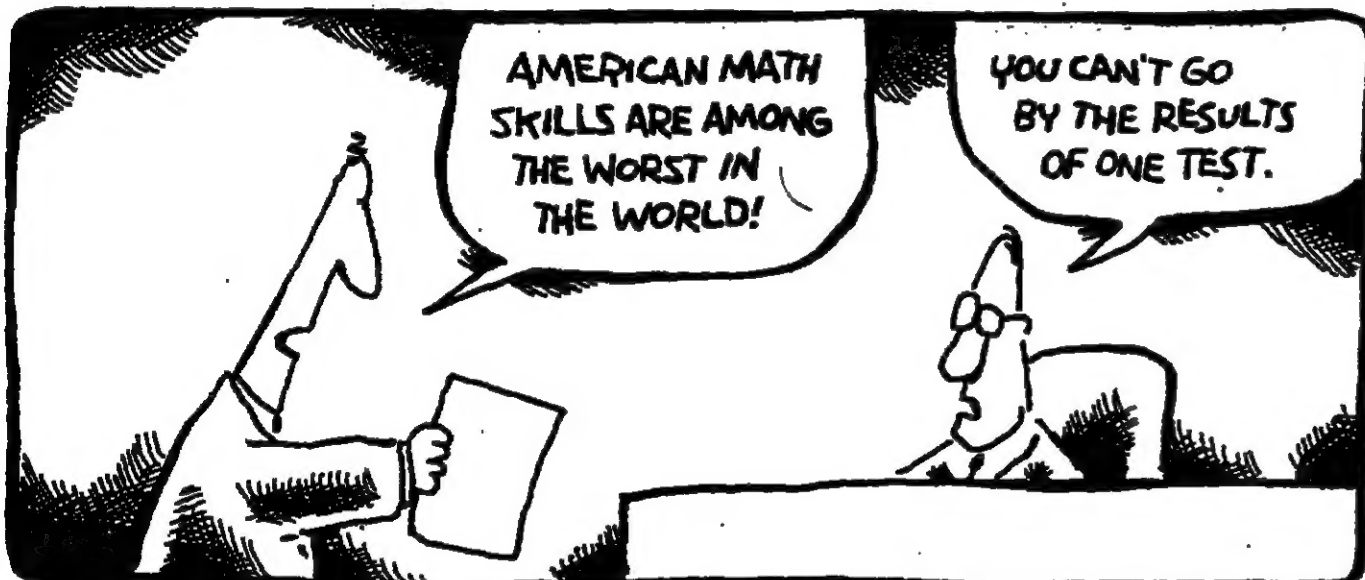


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Easy Doesn't Do It

I'd be mighty grateful if the advertising literature and the directions that come with almost everything I buy didn't tell me how easy the product is to use or put together.

Whether it's a cake mix, an outdoor chair, a foreign language course or a new VCR, the people selling it insist on telling us it's "easy." Easy to make, easy to put together, easy to learn or easy to use. Even a child can do it.

My reaction is always the same. "For you, easy. For me, hard."

I use the program call WORD PERFECT on my computer. Here's the first line of a brochure that came in the box with it. "WORD PERFECT is so easy to use that it puts even the novice at ease."

This is not true. WORD PERFECT, and don't tell me it is. I don't think the people at WORD PERFECT were deliberately lying when they wrote that, but WORD PERFECT is extremely difficult to learn how to use. Not only that, but the company keeps putting out new versions so you're never done learning. I like WORD PERFECT. I've been writing with it for four years now but don't tell me it's easy or, as we used to say but don't anymore, I'll give you a swift kick in the pants.

I keep a box of directions and brochures that came with things I've bought. Somewhere in all of them is the phrase EASY TO USE or a comparable expression. Companies tell us their product is simple to use — or make or put together or wash or press or any of a dozen other things you have to do with it — because if they told us it was as difficult as it really is, we wouldn't have anything to do with it. If I'd known in advance how hard WORD

PERFECT was going to be, I'd have stuck with my old Underwood No. 5 typewriter for life. They'd probably point to the fact that they did the right thing by tricking me because now that I've mastered it, I like it.

Look in a cookbook or at a menu in the feature section of the newspaper. If they give you a recipe, they invariably tell you it's simple or, perhaps, "Easy as ABC."

Have you ever seen a recipe for something that said, "This is very difficult to make and the chances are, if you aren't an experienced chef, it won't be any good the first eight or 10 times you make it." They never say that. They say it'll be easy to make. Easy as pie.

"Learn to speak Russian in 10 easy lessons!" Sure. In just a few months, at a cost of \$800, you'll be able to say "Hello," "Goodbye" and "Have a nice day" in Russian using American inflections that would be incomprehensible to any citizen of Moscow.

The reason for all the talk about how easy it is to do something is part salesmanship but not always totally deceitful. Once a person knows how to do something, it really does seem easy to him or her. Swimming is a good example. I can still remember being taught how to swim. My Aunt Anna had me in the water. First she demonstrated, by swimming a short distance herself, then she asked me to make the same motions. "It's easy," she said. I made the motions in the water and sank.

Once you know how to do something well, it's hard to understand why everyone can't do it. The trouble is, if you don't know how, you sink.

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Progress Is Often A Step Back

Would you like to have a dictionary, an encyclopedia, all of Shakespeare, the complete works of Ernest Hemingway, the Bible, the Koran and your telephone book on a compact disc that would fit in your pocket? You can get one.

I'm a sucker for new technical equipment. It's always a temptation for me to go out and buy any new electronic gadget but most of them are disappointing. One out of 10 is worth the money. For example, I have several small, high-tech, all-band radios that are supposed to be able to pull in programs from all over the world. The fancy-looking Sonys aren't any more powerful than the big old Philco I've had for 40 years. Fabulous new inventions are often a disappointment when you get them home. The package a new piece of equipment comes in is usually changed more than the equipment itself.

I have a computer and I could hook it up to a CD player and have all this information at my fingertips. The problem is, I don't want it at my fingertips; I want it in my brain. To get it where I want it, I have to read what's on the screen. Why is that better than reading it from a book?

Within five feet of the chair I sit in every evening, I have several volumes of Shakespeare but inasmuch as I've managed to keep from reading any of them since I got out of high school, there's no reason to think I'd read them if I had them on compact disc.

Availability or compactness isn't the answer to why we don't read any more. Time is the answer. I not only have Shakespeare in print, I have an encyclopedia, half a dozen dictionaries and

several thousand books that I don't read almost every night of my life. I like them but I don't read them because I don't have time. I'm doing something else.

Putting those same books on CD is an amazing technological feat but it doesn't make it any easier to find the time to read them and, while compact discs have a large capacity for memory, there is a limit to what you can get on one. I don't ever recall hearing that the human brain has any storage limit. My memory is faulty but it's not because I've pushed any old stuff out when I've fed new stuff in.

College libraries are being computerized. Students can sit at a desk with a lighted screen in front of them and call up all kinds of things but I can't believe it's the same as having a book in their hands.

CBS maintains a good reference library for its new employees. For 40 years, two people did nothing but clip six or eight newspapers every day and file the clippings by subject matter and by name. There would be several fat folders for someone, like General Norman Schwarzkopf or Woody Allen. You could look through the folders for what you wanted. Several years ago, they stopped clipping and put back issues of the newspapers on a computer. You can search for items about the general or the comedian on the computer, I guess. I don't use the facility anymore.

What we need is a way to acquire knowledge while we're asleep. They'd attach electrodes to our temples and the information would be piped into our brains. Every morning I'd wake up knowing more than I did when I went to sleep.

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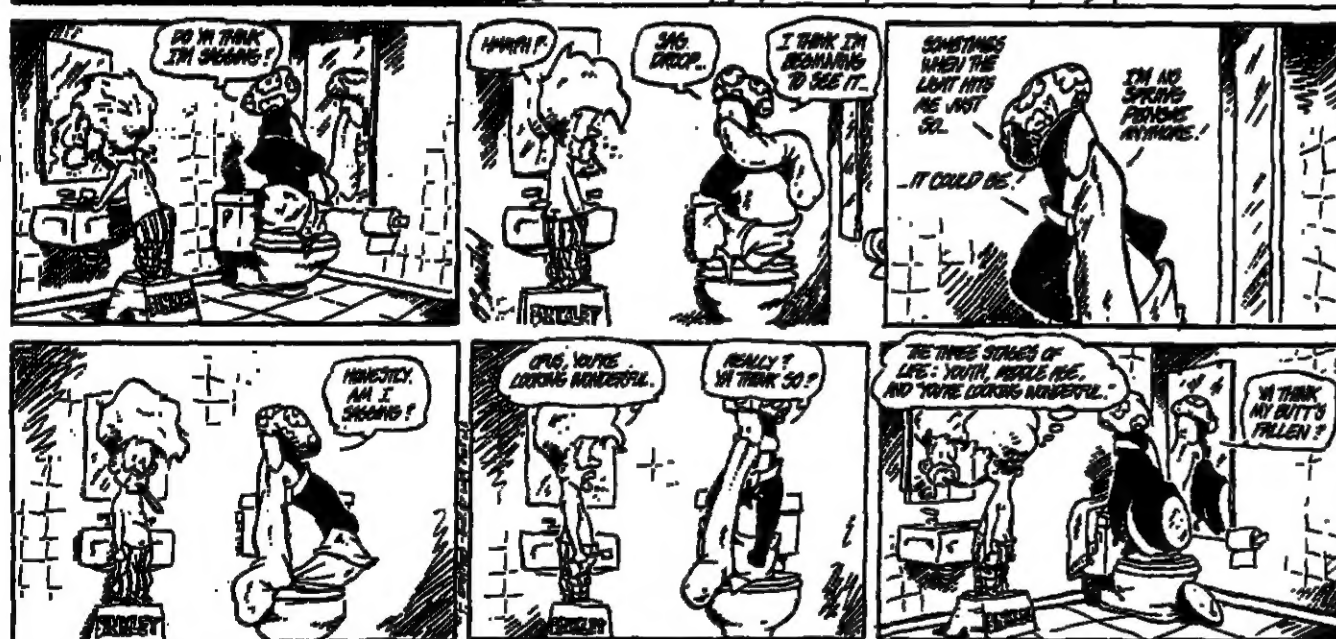
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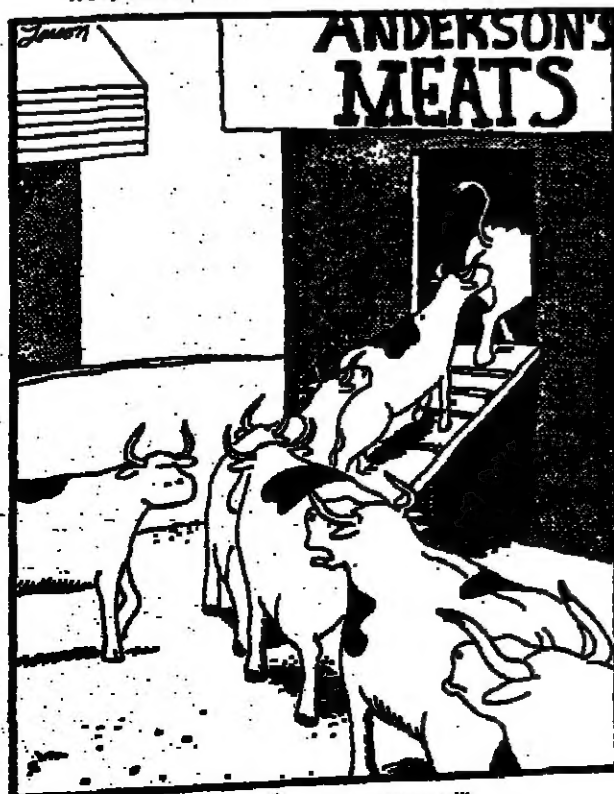


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"Hey! You! . . . No cutting in!"

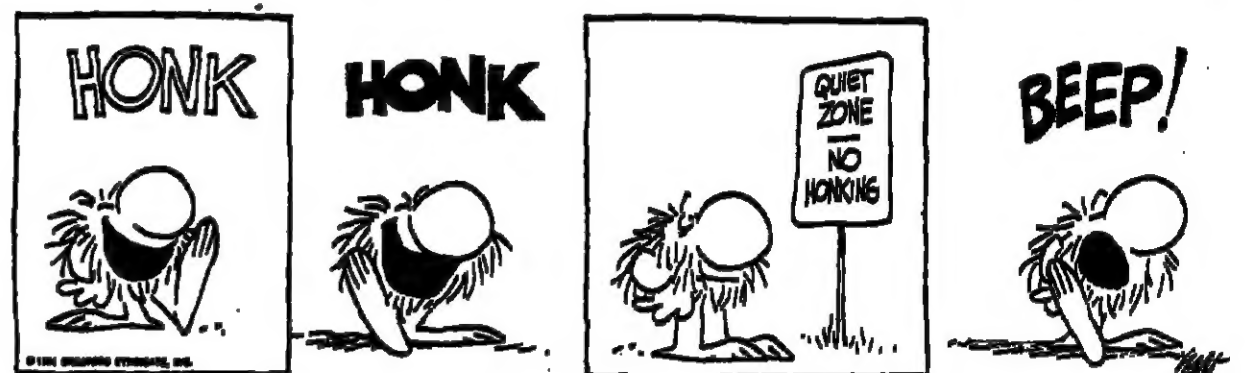
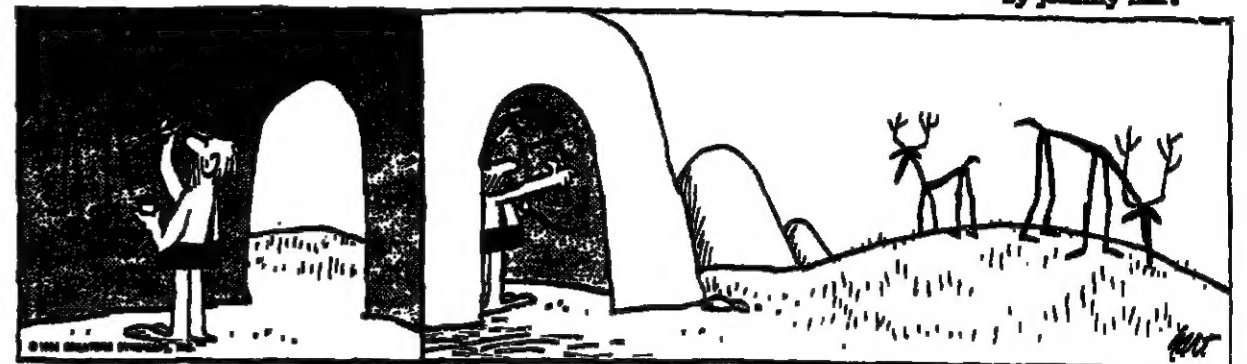
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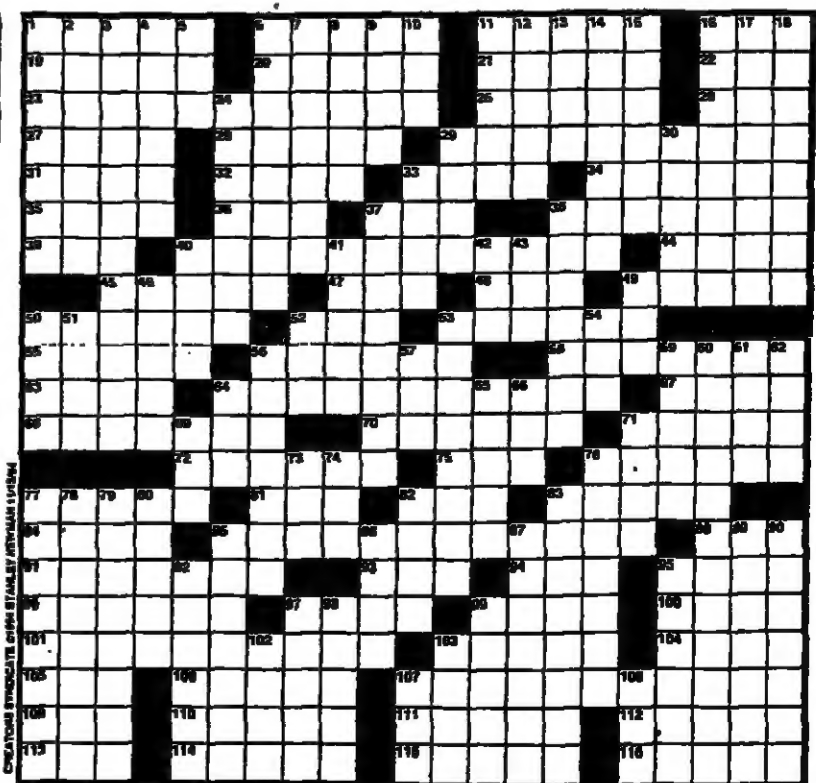
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QUOTE CRYPTOGRAM by Rebecca Kornbluh

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Last Week's Quote Cryptogram: Nothing is impossible for the man who doesn't have to do it himself – A. H. Weiler.

Richard Rothstein

Hire Education

Labor Secretary Robert Reich claims that more education can cure a widening gap between rich and poor and the evaporation of a broad middle class. In his Labor Day message, Reich demonstrated that college-educated workers fare increasingly better: male college-educated workers, for example, now earn, on average, 83 percent more than male workers with only a high school diploma (it was only 49 percent in 1979); 76 percent of college grads have employer-sponsored health care, compared to 60 percent of high school grads; nearly two-thirds of college grads have company pension plans, while for high school grads it's less than 25 percent; and college-grad unemployment is only 3 percent while over 12 percent of high school grads are jobless.

Reich illustrated his claim with stories of workers he's met — machine-repair technicians, retail-store managers and truck drivers who now use computers. Their skills, Reich believes, require education beyond high school and are key to success in the future job market.

I draw different conclusions from these anecdotes and offer one of my own. I recently returned a rental car. As I left the vehicle, a young woman with a handheld computer approached to record my mileage. In less than 15 seconds, her machine had printed my bill. In the hands of this efficient employee, computer technology had eliminated the once time-consuming ordeal of long waits in checkout lines.

Yet my modern walking clerk needs less academic education, not more, than the pre-computer counter clerk she replaced. Today's employee need only enter numbers on a keypad; the computer does the rest. Years ago, counter employees computed percentages to figure tax and other charges, prorate weekly rates, or make other adjustments in a bill. Computers in the hands of Reich's repair, retail, and delivery workers may also make jobs simpler, not more complex. We are naturally impressed with advanced technology, but if computerization reduces academic requirements for many jobs, today's students may not need more education than yesterday's.

It is too facile to conclude, from greater wage differentials of college and high

school grads, that demand for educated workers grows. True, if the price of something goes up, common sense suggests it's in short supply. But in reality, the price employers pay for college education isn't going up.

A just-released study by Larry Mishel and Jared Bernstein of the Economic Policy Institute (EPI) shows that education's wage bonus now increases not because salaries of college grads climb, but because, though falling, they

plummet less drastically than high school grads'. Wages of college graduates in 1993 were 7.5 percent less than their 1973 level; the bonus for college education grows because high school grads' wages fell even more. Falling college-grad wages suggest that demand for higher-education skills may also be falling, and if, as Reich urges, more youths go to college, the result may only be to increase further a surplus of college

grads to make their wages fall even faster.

There are other reasons for the growing collegiate wage advantage that can't be cured by expansion of post-secondary education. The EPI study notes that workers with high school diplomas are more likely than college grads to work at minimum-wage jobs (or those which pay slightly above the minimum). Because Congress has failed to raise the minimum with inflation, its

real value declined by 25 percent from 1979 to 1993, causing the gap between college and high school grads' wages to jump. But a lower minimum wage can't be cured by sending more youths to college.

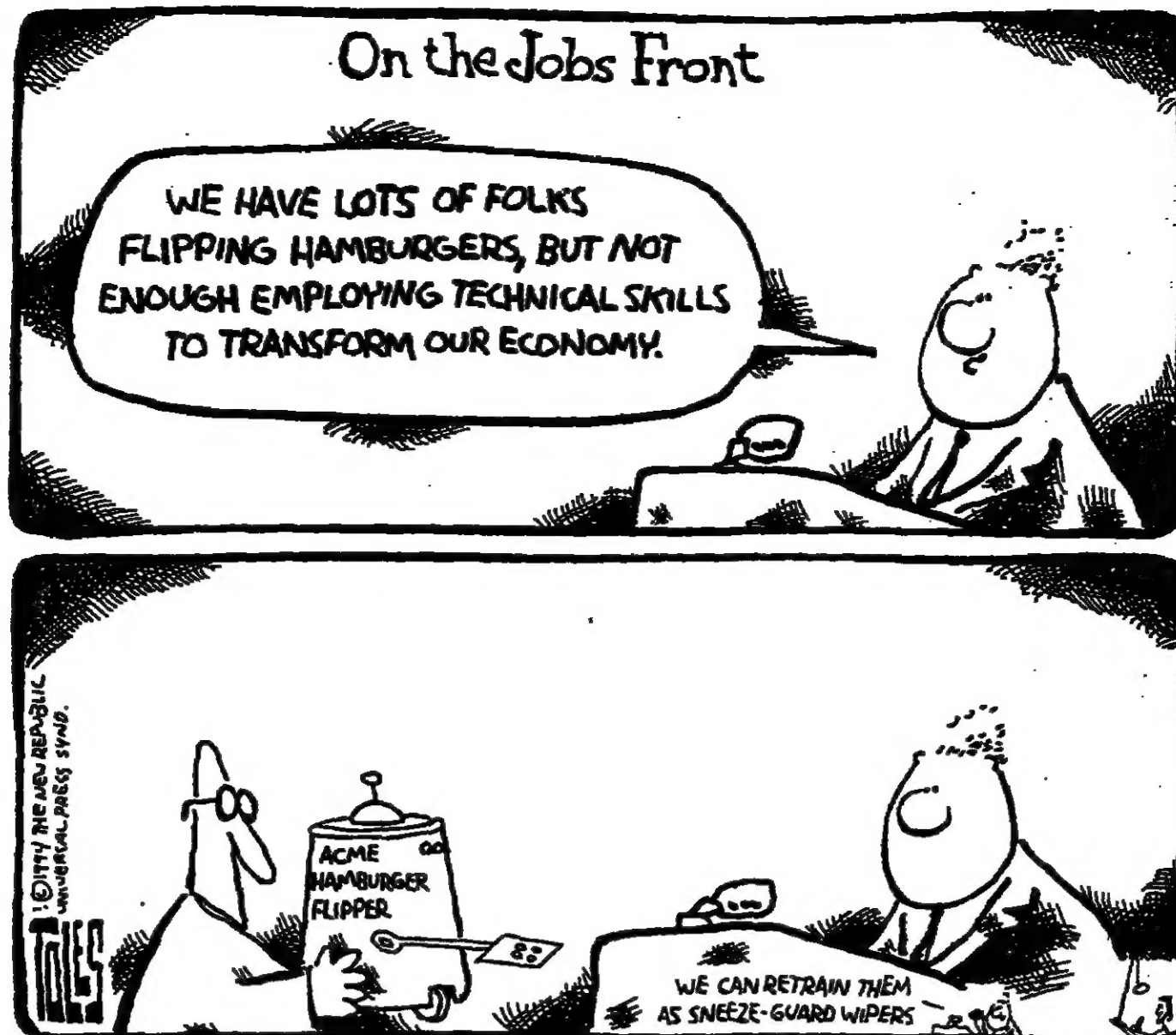
Expanded trade with low-wage nations and multinational corporate mobility may also play roles in widening the college-high school wage differential. So too may deunionization. High school grads more often work in unionized occupations than college grads, and workers in union jobs earn more than similar nonunion employees. So a drop in unionization has reduced high school grads' average wage, and thus expanded the gap between this average and the earnings of workers with college degrees. Consequences of union-free workplaces also can't be cured by more college enrollment.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) assesses specific job requirements and projects future demand for these jobs. This provides a better guide to the importance of college education than anecdotes about either truck drivers or car-rental clerks. Based on BLS occupational projections, EPI reports that average years of schooling required by jobs in 2005 will increase less than 1 percent from the years of schooling required by jobs in 1990.

The widening gap between rich and poor and the disappearance of middle-class jobs constitute our most explosive social problem. Whether democracy can survive persistent decline in real wages accompanied by growing inequality has never before been tested. Tackling causes—like a falling minimum wage, free trade, capital mobility and deunionization—of these trends will arouse powerful opposition. How much easier it is to blame the victims, suggesting that middle-class Americans can solve their own problems by getting more education.

Secretary Reich is not alone in taking this easy way out. Most corporate leaders and journalists from across the political spectrum promote post-secondary education as the egalitarian remedy. Of course, more schooling won't do Americans any harm. But it can't correct the structural economic problems which now confront us.

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Leslie Savon

White Flight

The only commercial sight as jarring as that of Rush Limbaugh's volleyball head popping out from behind a New York Times is that of a newborn infant popping out of his mother while on board a politically incorrect airline.

"From a True Story," the spot announces, as a woman goes into labor on an otherwise quiet nighttime flight. "But you're not due for two months," her husband says. "I know!" she cries out. Receiving an instant upgrade to first class, the woman is attended to by two stewardesses who deliver the bloody, wailing little bundle of joy. "Ladies and gentlemen," the captain delivers the ultimate feel-good last line, "we'd like to welcome a new passenger on board." That's all bizarre enough — this is not how airline ads are done — but it's topped by the flash of the sponsor's name and tag line: "South African Airways. Africa's Warmest Welcome."

The idea, clear as the sky, is to counter the airline's wrenchingly negative image. Research showed that not only did many American business fliers believe that the government-owned South African Airways segregates black and white passengers — SAA claims that in its 60-year-old history, it never did — but, with our own segregated imagery of the continent, many people also believed that the crews would be unprofessional, the food tainted, and the planes unhygienic. "Because the airline comes from Africa, it was not seen as professional," says Richard Groves, who works on the account at Leo Burnett in Toronto. That wouldn't do for an airline, or a country, that is now anticipating "huge business. All the countries that were once going out are now going in."

To fight the image problem, SAA thinks it hit bingo: a baby that was actually delivered some 12 years ago by a stewardess who happened to be a midwife. A literally airborne baby equals warmth, caring, and professionalism, not to mention life force, new start, and a sure attention grabber. What better way, someone somewhere figured, to announce the birth of a democracy than with the birth of a child. (Also necessary to playing down negative South African vibes was the first little white lie involved in this "true story": The woman in the ad is American, though the woman in

the real incident was a white South African. "I guess it was simply extending the truth somewhat," says Groves. "For a worldwide campaign, they needed to give it a more generic, international accent."

But, whatever its intentions, the campaign has exacerbated the first image problem — the belief that the airline segregates by race — by producing what in effect are segregated ads. The first week the ad ran in the U.S., primarily on cable, the crew and passengers were all white; currently, in an otherwise identical spot, the cast is mildly multiracial. Suddenly, the stewardess assisting the midwife, as well as a couple of the passengers in the background, are black.

Different folks for different folks. "At first we didn't realize that the New York

that I've offended people. I know that's not much of a story, but it comes from the heart."

In any case, the creative director says, "The multiracial spot is much more representative of the airline — its record has been exemplary, it's been a leader in equal-opportunity employment. It sounds like bullshit in America and England, but it's not bullshit here."

In South Africa, though, all records are relative. "Nothing in South Africa has a good record on integrating," says a Johannesburg journalist. "The country only started integrating three or four years ago." Of the approximately 1400 SAA crew members, about 400 are now people of color, says a union spokesman. "The top management of the company is quite committed to change, though there is still resistance and fear from

white workers and some of management."

But the SAA ads, with all their easy willingness to weave and reweave races and faces, betray another white fear: That more than anything

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community would prefer to see the multiracial version and that other countries would prefer the other mix," says someone in the media department of Sonnenberg Murphy Leo Burnett, the Johannesburg agency that made the ad. While SAA's top three markets — Germany, the UK, and the U.S. — as well as South Africa itself, are now airing only the multiracial ad, eastern markets prefer a whiter spot, she says. SAA obliged by producing a third version in which the two black passengers remain and a few Asian faces were added — but the stewardess helping the midwife is, once again, white.

Officially, however, an SAA spokesman insists that the all-white ad that aired in the U.S. the first week "won't be shown in any country, ever. It was a mistake that it was sent out in first place." The creative director on the spot explains that for the role of the stewardess assisting the midwife, "the best performance came out of the actress who happened to be white. I saw this through nonracial eyes because I was just looking at performances," he says. "It was a mistake in judgment...and we rectified it quickly (by replacing the ad with the multiracial version), and I'm appalled at the thought

else, apartheid was bad PR. The resulting denial runs deep. "We have never had any segregation (of passengers) on our flights — never," a company spokesman insists. "Absolutely not true," says Dumisani Kumalo, project director of the Africa Fund. "For many years black people in South Africa could not buy seats except in the back rows. If those one or two rows were sold out, the plane was sold out to us, even though there were seats elsewhere."

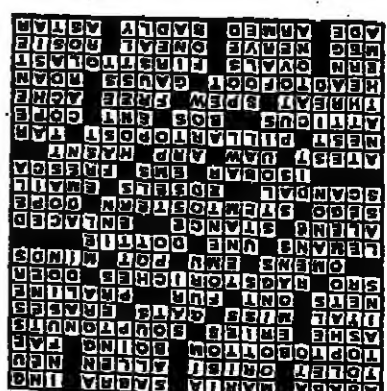
"It's a very strange ad," he adds. "By saying, 'Come fly this newborn airline,' in effect it's advertising the worst part of South African history — that one of two babies dies before the age of two. You have these white people who are trying to project what it's like to be free, and these are the same people who were running the show under apartheid."

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The baby ad is born from that white message.

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means "devoted to evil" in Greek.
ANATHHEMA (77 Down) literally
"Tyone Power and Rita Hayworth."
Down? It was renamed in 1941 with
Rodolph Valentino and Rita Hayworth
"Blood and Sand."
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He zooms in on the great

ON CAMERA

DAVID BRAUNER

NAMES like Mandela, Castro and Shevardnadze trip off Ya'acov "Yankel" Sa'ar's tongue. As director of the Government Press Office (GPO) Photography Department and chief state photographer, he has had a nodding photographic relationship with many world leaders, past and present.

No matter how many times he has done it before, the responsibility of photographing never-to-be-repeated events like the recent Washington handshakes keeps the adrenaline flowing.

People often ask Sa'ar if he still gets excited about being in the White House, as he has been so often. "If anyone tells you he doesn't get excited in the presence of the president of the United States, he's lying," Sa'ar says.

Born in Cairo, Sa'ar, 48, came to Israel in 1957 and grew up on Kibbutz Ein Hamifratz near Haifa. His photographic career began "like [that of] all good little boys whose uncle from France bought them a camera."

He graduated from Tel Aviv University with a degree in communications and television, though he calls himself a "self-taught photographer" with a photojournalistic background.

Sa'ar joined the GPO in 1973, just before "the first time Yitzhak Rabin was prime minister." Since then he has been a member of every prime minister's entourage and photographed all US presidents from Nixon to Clinton.

He vividly recalls Egyptian president Anwar Sadat's 1977 peace visit. At the time Sa'ar was in London checking out photo opportunities in advance of a prime ministerial visit.

But to his disbelief he was told the visit had to be cut short because Sadat was coming. Sa'ar arrived at Ben-Gurion Airport a few hours before Sadat's plane touched down.

After photographing the airport ceremony he was whisked up to Jerusalem's King David Hotel where he took his famous shot of

Menachem Begin head-to-head in conversation with Sadat.

Today, Sa'ar and two colleagues are Israel's "official photographers." Apart from recording political and state events, they are also charged with documenting urban and rural growth, industrial development, religious ceremonies, archaeological sites and social issues including poverty.

Sa'ar is proud of the GPO photo archive holdings of an estimated 350,000 to 500,000 prints. These are just a fraction of the approximately five million frames shot by GPO photographers since 1948.

In addition, three special collections have been bequeathed to the GPO: the Kluger Collection covering the 1930s and '40s; Hans Pinn's photography documenting the Mandatory period; and a small but significant portion of *Life* magazine photographer Frank Shershel's work from the week independence was declared.

The photo archive was established in 1948 by the late David "Andy" El-Dan, a German immigrant. Pictures available for reproduction and exhibition are filed as 13 x 18 cm. blowups in cataloged files along the lines El-Dan originally devised. All captions are in English.

Most of the GPO's collection is in black and white, but for the last five years all work has been done exclusively on color print materials. Color transparencies are also available on some subjects.

The GPO Photo Department is looking into a high-tech future. Lying on Sa'ar's cluttered desk is a CD-ROM containing over 100 digitalized photographs. The quality of the photos printed from it is equivalent to prints processed by traditional means.

Sa'ar reveals plans to create a "photo storage bank with the possibility of retrieving items electronically from anywhere."

Sa'ar's staff also makes film-to-film reproductions of rare and valuable items, some of which are in the form of glass plate negatives. The goal is to standardize



GPO photographer Ya'acov "Yankel" Sa'ar: If anyone tells you he doesn't get excited in the presence of the president of the United States, he's lying. (David Brauner)

everything to a 35 mm. film format. The GPO archives provides

prints in sizes from 13 x 18 cm. up to 60 x 85 cm. Prices are low and there are no copyright consider-

ations. It is located at Beit Agron, 37 Hillel St., Jerusalem (tel. 02-233033; fax: 02-233388).

The day we got up to our knees in our own river

REMEMBER Noah? Well, he had an ark, but we only have a house in the suburbs, and when the windows of heaven opened upon us, the fountains of the deep broke up too. At noon, that is, when I came home, I was met by my jubilant kids who reported:

"Daddy! The wall in our cellar is doing pee-pee!"

"Rubbish," I said, and would have stuck by that judgment too, if it hadn't been that our cellar was rapidly turning into a swimming pool. The wall wasn't peeing, it was squirting water like a bloody geyser. Moses would have loved it.

We were a bit worried, to be sure, but we didn't lose our heads. "We're being flooded!" shrieked the little woman, and ran out into the storm wringing her hands. "Flooded! Help! In the cellar! Water! Police! Army! Somebody help! Water!"

As for me, I calmly leaped up for the phone and called up our plumber, the Great Sticks himself. Sticks saw no reason for panic:

"It can't be the plumbing," he assured me, "I guess it's only water, you know, like a flood."

"But what do I do, Sticks, what do I do?"

"It'll be summer soon," he said, "Yes, but for now?"

"For now you'd better start bailing out, or you'll have the whole house collapse on you."

The wife had meanwhile come in, and was trying to seal up the crack in the wall - first with bubble gum, then with the kids' plasticine, and lastly with a band-aid, which shows you the way water affects some people.

On the brink of despair she suddenly remembered the little Dutch boy and stuck her finger in

the hole - and that did it. Not all by itself, naturally, but in combination with someone else, meaning me, filling two buckets, dashing up the stairs and emptying them in the garden, then running back to our torture chamber again, filling the buckets, dashing, emptying, running, and keeping the finger in the hole, for God's sake...

Still, I'm no Aquarius, and after half an hour of running around with two buckets I was about ready to drop. On top of that, I was getting more and more exasperated by the sight of Amir happily sailing paper boats in the cellar and enjoying himself no end.

I said nothing, however, and was rewarded by the municipality sending their motor pump along at last. They pumped out the water to the last drop and left. Within minutes, the cellar had filled up again and I'd gone back to my dash-empty-run act, while the woman stuck her finger back in the dyke...

Then the phone went. Felix Selig. Now he wants to come and visit.

"Felix," I said hoarsely, "Felix, do me a favor..."

But here the little one came flying up the stairs and tore the receiver out of my hand:

"But of course, Felix," she said, "we were just going to have tea. Do come and join us..."

Not that the little one is smarter than me or anything. She just happened to have more presence of mind right then, as she only had to plug up the hole with her finger, while I was killing myself trying to bail out our Augean cellar like a modern Sisyphus. Not Sisyphus. Hercules. Somebody. Presently the Seligs arrived, and the little one went up to meet them.

"You'll never believe what just

KISHON'S KEYHOLE

EPHRAIM KISHON

happened," she said. "A few minutes ago something gave in the cellar, and it's all under water. I don't know what I'll do... Poor Ephraim is down there fighting the flood singlehandedly. It's awful... He'll drown (sob)... I'm sorry, but you'd better go home. We'll manage somehow..."

"My dear!" said Felix indignantly. "I wouldn't think of leaving you..."

And with that he threw off his coat like a man, rolled up his trouser legs and joined me on the bucket run, while his wife and the little woman took turns with the finger work. That, dear reader, is what I call true friendship, that's what I call solidarity. Felix, it turned out, was a water carrier: before an hour was out the water had stopped rising in the cellar, and soon it only stood ankle high. We were grateful beyond words.

"You darlings," breathed the wife, sprawling on a chair. "We'd have been absolutely lost without you. Listen, though - I think there is no point hauling up only half a bucket at a time. Better fill it up to the brim..."

By now Felix was looking rather grim, and the water line had crept up again too, but we were lucky, because just then Zvika came round to ask if we felt like a movie. We found a large washtub for him and organized a relay team, while I myself limited my activities to offering technical advice and maintaining the pace.

By eight in the evening we were alone with our flood again. The Seligs broke down first, then Zvika collapsed in the garden, and we had to let them go. We decided

not to rely on miracles again and drew up a list of our acquaintances, ticking off those we knew to be in good physical shape.

"I believe Weinreb plays tennis," the woman said pensively. "and he's got this big hefty wife..."

The Weinrebs were a little surprised at our warm invitation, so sudden too, and anyhow, they were expecting this tourist couple who had just come from Chile.

"Your friends are our friends," the little one declared solemnly. "Bring them too..."

So they came, our new team, Weinreb with his table-tennis bats in case I felt like a game. Little did he know. Because guess what had suddenly happened?

I went over our flood story again, very tired now, on account of having had to shave and change into dry clothes every time a new shift came on, to lend my story credence. Our visitors were extremely sympathetic and set to work at once, cheered on by me:

"Heave ho!" I cried, to keep up the rhythm. "Heave ho!"

The Chilean people were particularly good at the job, reaching an output of some two cubic meters an hour, and what with Weinreb being such a tennis champ, they managed to get the water down again to eight cm. Then the wife, overcome with hubris, committed her blunder:

"Oh dear," she said. "How you must hate us. Working yourself to death on our account. Most people I know would have gone right back home..."

She and her big mouth. The four of them downed their tools and went right back home. That's friendship for you: comes your hour of need - they desert you. The trouble was that by then we'd got so used to the slave labor sys-

tem that we didn't know how to cope anymore and just sat there watching the steadily rising tide in helpless dismay.

Five minutes later I resolved on action and rang up Meir Geiger because he lived nearby and could get to us fast. Yona, his wife, came to the phone.

"We'd love to come," she said, "but our car's stuck in the mud."

"So come on foot, it's only round the corner. And bring a deck of cards..."

"On foot? It's raining. Know something? Come pick us up in your car."

"Splendid! I'm on my way!"

Afraid of getting wet, the spoilt bitch, I left my little Dutchwoman to her dyke, raced round the corner to the Geigers, swept up to their doorstep and wanted to turn on my heel at once - but too late. Yona had been waiting for me.

"You can't imagine what's just happened," she whispered out of breath. "A minute ago our cellar..."

I'd fallen into the trap like a baby. Pick up bloody up in your car, huh? The mean double-crossing rats! I was so furious at those two that I deliberately spilled water on their best rug every time I came up with my buckets. What the hell, here I was bailing out the Geiger lake with the last of my strength, and at home my wife was up to her knees in our own Waterloo...

In the end the Lord delivered us, as usual. The windows of heaven were stopped, as it says in Genesis, and the waters abated, and seedtime and harvest and cold and heat, and something something summer and winter, and lo, the Weinrebs met the Geigers and Zvika and the tourist couple, and now they don't speak to us any longer, selah.

Eating is believing: Sardines tell future

LIFE-STYLE

HUGH GORDON

THE Japanese, their confidence battered by a four-year recession, are seeking solace in fortune-telling sardines, inspirational skipping ropes and crystal balls.

Most Japanese acknowledge that Japan's postwar purposefulness has given way to a period of enfeebling doubt. While their government ponders Japan's proper role in the world and how to make its businesses competitive with the West again, hundreds of thousands of people are finding weird and wonderful ways of peering into the future.

At Gem Fortune Telling Town, in Kobe, west of Osaka, 120 soothsayers and star-gazers sell their paranormal gifts to 100,000 or more paying customers a year.

Instead of vague requests to "cross my palm with silver," there is a ticket system demanding the equivalent of roughly NIS 50 to NIS 120, depending on the sort of divination you require.

Because times are hard and so many down-at-heel people want to know whether their loves or businesses will thrive, the company has also begun accepting gift bear-vouchers, telephone cards and even used clothes as payment.

One of those people conjuring visions of tomorrow is the White Woman, who always wears a white kimono. Her method is to gaze at the customer while executing a squiggly drawing of his or her aura. She then bites deeply into four or five dried sardines which, apparently, give her the inspiration to interpret her picture.

Unable to do anything about the bloated value of the yen or Japan's wage costs, entrepreneurs go to the White Woman believing she can at least tell them which day would be luckiest for launch-

ing a new business.

Not far from the sardine eater sits Flower Lady, whose fortune-telling involves tarot cards interpreted only after she has skipped energetically for a few moments with a supposedly inspirational rope.

"I don't believe a word of it," said Yoshinori Yamashita, who owns and runs Gem Fortune Telling Town. "If I were a believer, I'd be narrow-minded and think one method was better than another. Being skeptical means I'm neutral."

Gem is just one of a growing multitude of businesses which provide such services. You can download your horoscope onto a computer linked to an information network, buy a watch with a fortune-telling function or dial-a-horoscope on voice mail by Diner's Club.

At the Fortune Telling Coffee House in Tokyo, you can stop for a drink and get your palm read for the equivalent of NIS 70, or have your fortune divined in the cards or crystal ball.

As ever in Japan, there is an academic with a theory about the new phenomenon. Prof. Yukio Akatsuka, deputy president of Chubu University's women's college, reckons his countrymen have returned to the superstitious cast of mind which afflicted them during World War II.

"During the war, everyone prayed for their sons and fathers and brothers to come home safely," he said, "and they believed in fate and fortune. When Japan lost the war, fortune-telling and ideas about luck and fate became taboo and we tried to be practical. But once people emerge from poverty, they realize that they need spiritual things." (The Daily Telegraph)

When goats are lonely

HEADS 'N' TAILS

D'VORA BEN SHAUL

A reader from Galilee says her pet goat bleats all the time. "The only time it is quiet," she says, "is when it is asleep or when the children come home from school and play with it. Even though this is an agricultural village it really is nerve racking. What can one do?"

The goat, a herd animal, is extremely gregarious. Keeping a single goat is a torment for the animal because its instinct is to be in company. That is why it is quiet when the children are around it.

The best thing is to have at least two goats, which would probably solve the problem at once. One owner I knew got a goat to stop bleating by giving it a rabbit as a penmate. They became the best of friends; the goat would lick the rabbit's fur and they usually slept snuggled up together.

Of course, for this solution the pen must be tightly fenced and sunk into the ground so that the rabbit cannot get out.

Other animals can be a noise problem too. The braying of a donkey, crowing of a rooster or honking of a gaggle of geese can be irritating. The donkey, like the goat, usually makes a fuss out of loneliness. However, a female is

less likely to bray overmuch than a male (in any case, female donkeys make nicer pets).

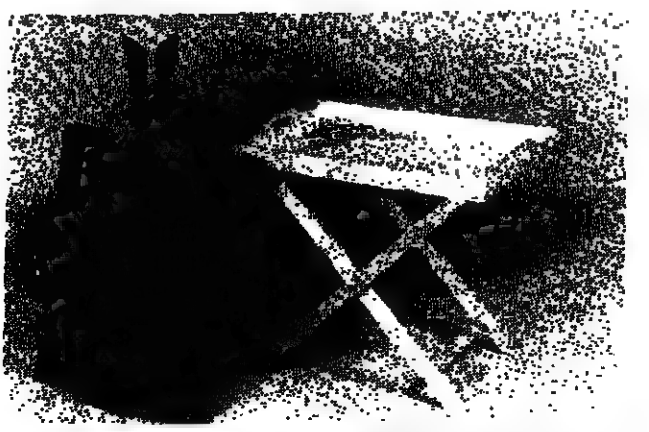
As for roosters, the solution is simple: don't keep a male. Nothing can keep a male from crowing and if there are other roosters in earshot, which means a kilometer at least, they will likely carry on a crowing competition that can last half the night. Despite what some people think, a rooster is not needed to get hens to lay eggs, unless you want fertilized eggs for hatching.

Geese, particularly ganders, make quite a bit of noise at times. Many farmers keep them as an alarm system since they react immediately to any intruder.

Even the family dog may be a noise nuisance, particularly an outside dog that is kept tied. Dogs in these conditions are often incessant barkers, which causes many a neighborhood feud. Barking can often be decreased by putting the animal inside at night, even in a garage or other outbuilding if you have one.

It is unfortunate that so many people keep a dog outside because they say they want a watch dog, yet never go out to see what the dog is barking about.

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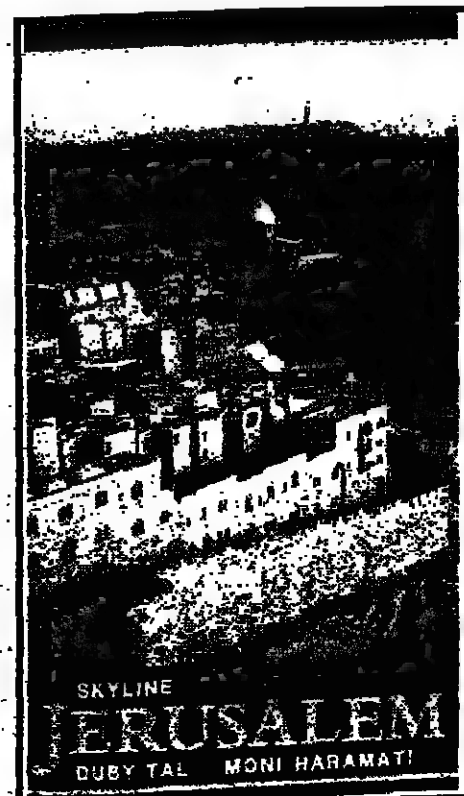
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QB's are like fine old wine

NEW YORK (AP) — The quarterbacks of the future are showing their stuff this season in the NFL. What they've shown is that they're still the quarterbacks of the future.

That was never more evident than last Sunday when Warren Moon, 37, and Dan Marino, 33, pulled out games for Minnesota and Miami and Randall Cunningham personally disposed of Buddy Ryan for Philadelphia. Drew Bledsoe, Rick Mirer and Dave Brown, the quarterbacks of the future, continued to stumble.

This is the period of the interregnum.

Phil Simms is gone; Joe Montana is going (probably after this season), and most of the top quarterbacks are over 30 — Marino, Moon, Cunningham, John Elway, Jim Kelly and Steve Young. The only younger guy at the top level is 27-year-old Troy Aikman of Dallas.

That's basically the problem with developing quarterbacks, and it's why patience is required with top prospects like Bledsoe, Mirer and Brown. (Brown is probably a step behind.)

Remember this: Vinny Testaverde was a "can't miss" prospect, the top pick in the 1987 draft. He's better in Cleveland than in Tampa Bay, but he still has his ups and downs, and always will. And Jim Everett, the "quarterback of the '90s" is in the same boat after moving from Los Angeles to New Orleans.

Remember this: Two years ago, Brett Favre emerged as a coming star. He's still trying to emerge. So is Jeff George, the No. 1 overall pick in 1990, the year after Aikman.

"We had a period when there was a shortage of quarterbacks, and people reached for whomever they saw," says Bill Polian, former general manager of the Bills and now the general manager of the expansion Carolina Panthers.

"I think that period is ending now — there are some good young quarterbacks — but they'll have their ups and downs for a while before they become good ones. Everybody does."

That takes us to the current young crop. Bledsoe, Mirer and Brown, all quarterbacks of young teams, started well and so did the teams. Now Bledsoe's New England team has lost four in row; Mirer's Seattle team has lost five and Brown's New York Giants have lost six. All have had problems, but the problems have coincided with problems to their teams.

Behind them are Heath Shuler and Gus Frerotte of Washington and Trent Diller of Tampa Bay, raw rookies being thrown to the wolves on losing teams. Shuler and Diller were No. 3 and No. 6 in the draft this year; Frerotte, who's now ahead of Shuler, was No. 197.

Which brings us to yet another situation — Cincinnati, where Jeff Blake, mired on the bench with the New York Jets and then Cincinnati, has suddenly thrown for 634 yards in two weeks, 387 of them last Sunday when he led them to their first win.

Blake was a winner in college; he's a leader and he's smart, but he doesn't fit the mold. That's because he's barely 6 feet tall, not because he's black (hopefully, Moon, Cunningham and Doug Williams and Steve McNair — starting next year — have dispensed with that stereotype.)

Is Blake the future? Perhaps. But people will have to remain patient.

And enjoy Moon, Marino, Cunningham, et al while they can.

Suspensions aren't what they seem

NEW YORK (AP) — Steve Howe has been suspended seven times, once for life, and is still pitching. Lamarr Hoyt, Pascual Perez, Willie Wilson and others came back before their bans were up.

Owners George Steinbrenner and Ted Turner had their penalties trimmed. And few really believe that Pete Rose's permanent ban is permanent.

So even though Dwight Gooden was suspended last week for the entire 1995 season — if there is a season — that doesn't mean he'll necessarily miss the whole year.

Gooden was banned for a year because of recurring drug violations. But the players' union could challenge Gooden's suspension and file a grievance, which would be heard by arbitrator George Nicolson.

Nicolson has agreed with some of the players' arguments.

In June 1992, Howe was suspended for life by then-commissioner Fay Vincent after entering a guilty plea in a US District court to a charge of attempting to buy cocaine. But in November, following a grievance hearing, Nicolson trimmed Howe's penalty to time served, saying that the New York Yankees pitcher was a victim of Attention Deficit Disorder.

Howe has been suspended seven times because of substance abuse problems, including a one-year ban served in 1984. He also has been reinstated seven times.

Hoyt, a former Cy Young Award winner, was suspended for the 1987 season for his involvement in three drug incidents. After a hearing, Nicolson reduced Hoyt's ban to 60 days on June 16, 1987.

Montreal catcher Gilberto Reyes was suspended for 60 days on February 7, 1992, following a positive drug test in the Dominican Winter League. Nicolson ruled

Reyes should have been treated as a first-time offender and lifted the suspension.

One of baseball's first big drug decisions came when Willie Aikens, Jerry Martin, Howe and Wilson were suspended for one year on December 15, 1983. The following April, arbitrator Richard Bloch reduced the suspensions of Wilson and Martin to May 15.

In early 1984, Bloch also cut a six-week drug penalty against Perez to less than four weeks.

Perez is the most recent player to fully serve a one-year suspension. He was banned in March 1992 following a positive test for cocaine and never again pitched for the New York Yankees or any other team in the majors.

Steinbrenner of the Yankees was suspended for two years on November 27, 1974, following his guilty plea to conspiracy to make illegal campaign contributions. The suspension was ended by then-commissioner Bowie Kuhn on March 1, 1976, for good behavior.

Turner was banned for one year by Kuhn on January 2, 1977, for tampering with San Francisco outfielder Gary Matthews. The penalty was lifted on March 19 after the Atlanta Braves owner filed suit, and the commissioner and owner went back and forth until the suspension was lifted for good on December 9.

On August 16, 1946, Sal Maglie and 17 other players — including Mickey Owen and Max Lanier — were banned for five years by commissioner Happy Chandler for jumping to play in the Mexican League. Those penalties were eventually lifted in 1949.

Other major figures banned by baseball include Shoeless Joe Jackson, thrown out for life as part of the 1919 Black Sox scandal;



STRUNG-OUT KING — Dwight Gooden, suspended for next season for drug violations, could be back sooner.

Babe Ruth, set down by commissioner Kenesaw Mountain Landis for a month in 1922 for participating in an illegal barnstorming tour; manager Leo Durocher, kicked out for 1947 by Chandler for conspiring with undesirable; 30-game

winner Denny McLain, suspended by Kuhn in 1970 for illegal book-making activities three years earlier; and Otis Nixon, who missed the 1991 World Series for Atlanta when he was suspended after testing positive for cocaine.

3-pointers fly as SuperSonics beat Suns

NEW YORK

(AP) — Maybe the new 3-point line is just too easy. A number of players think so, and a much larger number have the confidence to hoist one.

Just take the Phoenix Suns and the Seattle SuperSonics. Fourteen players on the two teams attempted an NBA record-tying 47 3-pointers Friday night in a game the Sonics won 129-123.

"The new 3-point line makes everybody comfortable," said Seattle center Sam Perkins, who hit three of his four 3-point attempts. "Everybody is going to shoot the ball from there now."

Even the Suns' Trevor Ruffin, playing in his first NBA game, felt bold enough to try five 3-pointers. And he made four of them.

The Sonics (10-for-21) and the Suns (12-for-26) equaled the 47 attempts by Orlando and New York in a game last April 11. The Suns' dozen 3-pointers set a club record while Seattle tied a team mark with its 21 3-point tries.

Shawn Kemp scored 26 points and Detlef Schrempf got 12 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter as the Sonics won in front of a sellout crowd of 16,332 in the Tacoma Dome.

Phoenix's previous 3-point record was 11 set against Dallas on January 30, 1993. Seattle set its high for 3-point attempts against Golden State on January 16, 1989.

Perkins had 22 points and Gary Payton 20 for the Sonics, who led 118-109 with 5:57 left before the Suns came back with three consecutive 3-pointers, two by Elliot Perry, to tie the score.

Danny Manning scored 27 points and Dan Majerle 23 for Phoenix, which played without starters Charles Barkley and Kevin Johnson as well as Daimy Ainge.

"The 3-point shot became a bigger part of our game plan as the game went on," Westphal said. "When you're shot and undermanned, you stick with what's working."

Nuggets 124, Lakers 117 (OT) Denver held Los Angeles to three field goals in overtime, outscoring the Lakers 19-12.

Dikembe Mutombo had 19 points, a career-high 26 rebounds, nine assists and nine blocks for the Nuggets, who also got 23 points from Bryant Stinch. Robert Pack added 22 points and 12 assists.

Nick Van Exel had 21 points and 11 assists for the Lakers in their home opener.

Warriors 112, Jazz 104 Thirty points apiece from Tim Hardaway and Latrell Sprewell helped Golden State stay undefeated.

The Warriors' 4-0 start is their best since 1991-92, when they also opened with four consecutive wins on the way to a 55-victory season.

Golden State made all 10 of its foul shots in the final 28 seconds to hold off Utah, which got 25 points and 11 rebounds from Karl Malone in his first home loss of the season.

Bullets 104, Nets 91

Calbert Cheaney scored 22 points and five other players reached double figures for Washington, off to its best start in five seasons.

Tom Gugliotta had 10 points and 13 rebounds for the Bullets, who led by at least 13 points down the stretch.

Benoit Benjamin had 15 points and 13 rebounds for the visiting Nets, who shot 36 percent and fell to 1-4 under new coach Bruce Bred.

Rockets 102, Celtics 82

Five games into the season, Houston is unbeaten after routing the Boston Celtics. Last season, the Rockets won their first 15 games on the way to their first NBA title.

Hakeem Olajuwon scored 26 points, and Houston led by at least 11 points after the first quarter on the way to its 19th straight November victory.

Dino Radja had 31 points for Boston, but he was the only player on the Celtics with more than 10. For Houston, Vernon Maxwell scored 21 and Robert Horry 15. Olajuwon had 14 rebounds.

Mavericks 107, Pacers 100

Janet Nashburn and Jim Jackson scored 22 points apiece as Dallas held off a late Philadelphia rally.

The Mavericks, who never trailed, got 19 points and nine rebounds from rookie point guard Jason Kidd. Lucious Harris had 16 points.

The visitors' victory overshadowed a strong performance off the bench by 76ers center Shawn Bradley, who had 17 points, 12 rebounds and eight blocked shots. Clarence Weather- spoon led Philadelphia with 29 points.

Bulls 112, Timberwolves 108

Scottie Pippen's 22 points extended Minnesota's winless streak to 15 straight games dating back to last season.

Stacey King, traded from Chicago to Minnesota midway through last season, led Minnesota with 17. Isaiah Rider had 15.

The visiting Bulls had six players in double figures.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS: Houston 102, Boston 82; Dallas 107, Philadelphia 100; Washington 104, New Jersey 91; Charlotte 123, Milwaukee 135; Chicago 112, Minnesota 108; Golden State 112, Utah 104; Seattle 129, Phoenix 123; Denver 124, L.A. Lakers 117.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS: Cleveland 106, Milwaukee 86; Detroit 111, Indiana 118; New York 101, Orlando 99; Portland 104, Sacramento 84; Atlanta 106, L.A. Clippers 91.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W L Pct GB

New York 5 1 1.000 0

Washington 4 2 .667 .5

Orlando 3 3 .500 1.5

New Jersey 2 4 .333 2.5

Philadelphia 1 5 .167 3.5

Boston 0 6 .000 4.5

Central Division

W L Pct GB

Detroit 4 2 .667 .5

Cleveland 3 3 .500 1.5

Indiana 2 4 .333 2.5

Milwaukee 2 4 .333 2.5

Chicago 1 5 .167 3.5

Atlanta 0 6 .000 4.5

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

W L Pct GB

Houston 5 1 1.000 0

Denver 4 2 .667 .5

Dallas 3 3 .500 1.5

San Antonio 2 4 .333 2.5

Utah 1 5 .167 3.5

Pacific Division

W L Pct GB

Golden State 5 1 1.000 0

Portland 4 2 .667 .5

Sacramento 3 3 .500 1.5

Seattle 2 4 .333 2.5

Phoenix 1 5 .167 3.5

L.A. Clippers 0 6 .000 4.5

Jordan groomed to reach majors next year

NASHVILLE (AP) — Michael Jordan is being groomed to reach Major League Baseball late next season.

Larry Schmitton, president of the Chicago White Sox's Triple-A affiliate in Nashville, said that Jordan could be promoted if he makes progress with the American Association team.

"I'm sure their goal is for him to be a September callup next year," Schmitton said as he clarified Jordan's status in the White Sox organization.

Schmitton said the White Sox expect Jordan to begin the year in Nashville. He spent last season with Birmingham in the Double-A Southern League and is currently playing for Scottsdale in the Arizona Fall League.

"It's his job to lose in spring training. He still has to make the team," said Schmitton, a former executive with the Texas Rangers. "All indications point to him being here."

White Sox general manager Ron Schueler said Jordan must earn a promotion.

"I'd never bring him up just to bring him up," Schueler said. "As far as I'm concerned, he's still not a prospect yet. I expect if he came up he'd be an extra player, not an everyday player."

Jordan was hitting .256 for Scottsdale last week, where he is a designated hitter, left fielder and right fielder. He had 13 runs, one double, one triple, no home runs, six RBIs, eight walks, 20 strikeouts and one stolen base.

He hit 380 in his last month



WAY UP NORTH — The Chicago White Sox have high hopes of bringing Michael Jordan up to Comiskey Park next season.

with Birmingham and finished the season at 202 with three homers, 51 RBIs and 30 stolen bases.

"He'll find no gifts in Triple-A," Schmitton said. "The pitchers think they are just 12 hours from the major leagues."

"I fully anticipate seeing him in left field here," said Schmitton, who believes Jordan could boost attendance at 14,000-seat Greer Stadium from the current 300,000 to 450,000 or more. "He brings new fans to the park, especially

younger fans."

Jordan, who led the Chicago Bulls to three consecutive NBA titles, originally signed a Triple-A contract last February. He was invited to Chicago's spring training as a non-roster player.

Clough strikes with autobiography

Airs opinions from Venables, Sugar to Hillsborough

LONDON (Reuters) — Brian Clough, who quit soccer as manager of a relegated club last year amid rumors of heavy drinking, bounced back into circulation with the presentation of his autobiography this week.

Airing the sharp wit he was renowned for when at the top of his sport, one of the English game's most colorful and controversial characters apologized to the few women present for his use of a four-letter word, then quipped: "But then you'd rather hear that than be deaf."

Presenting *Clough: The Autobiography* 18 months after quitting Nottingham Forest, he spoke out for his former colleagues including England's Terry Venables after a week in which their profession was hit by a series of hurtful setbacks.

"I think he'll ride it out and get on with the job... I wish him well and hope his teams mirror the achievements our clubs have had over recent years," Clough said.

Venables' business dealings when chief executive of Tottenham Hotspur were called into question by a BBC television program last week.

"He has remarkable resilience and always has a smile on his face. It's infectious. It's a boost to all of us when the England manager strides out at Wembley looking like he knows his job."

Last week was also marked by the dismissal of Osvaldo Ardiles as manager of Tottenham Hotspur for perceived failings in his all-out attacking tactics and the failure in Europe of several leading premier league sides.

"We're in a new stage of the game when chairmen come in and buy clubs," he said of such men as Tottenham's Alan Sugar.

"But it's fruitless spending £10 million pounds for success and the trappings that go with it and appoint a

manager to do that and then begin to interfere. Sugar has already got rid of Venables and Ossie in a short time.

"I think Manchester United was a one off," Clough said of England's top club being humiliated 4-0 in a European Champions' League away match to Barcelona on November 2.

"If they were playing in the Spanish league I think they'd be reigning at the top. Barcelona did play remarkably well, but Manchester United was not turned on that night."

Clough, whose Forest side won the European Cup in 1979 and 1980, said he had never in his 18 months' retirement been tempted to come back as a manager.

Although the people's choice, like Venables now, he was overlooked for the England job when at the top because of his outspoken character.

The most controversial section of his book involves the 1989 Hillsborough disaster in which 95 died in a crush before an FA Cup semifinal between Forest and Liverpool.

The outspoken Clough said the dead, mostly Liverpool supporters, were killed partly by fellow fans arriving late and under the influence of drink. Liverpool fans distributed leaflets at their team's home match against Forest last week urging people not to buy Clough's book in protest.

Clough said he had no regrets about airing this opinion, although it had been misrepresented in some newspapers.

He said he had not missed soccer since quitting in May 1993. Writing the book had helped fill the void of retirement in the early months when the loss of a regular occupation was felt most deeply.

Clough added: "I wish I had retired three or four years earlier and I mean that."

Golfer hits hole-in-one, then dies

REHOBOTH, Mass. (AP) — Moments after hitting the first hole-in-one of his life, 79-year-old Emil Kijek collapsed and died on the golf course.

Emergency medical workers tried unsuccessfully to revive Kijek, of North Attleboro, Massachusetts, but he was pronounced dead at Rhode Island Hospital in Providence.

The hospital declined to release the cause of his death. The funeral home said he had suffered from hypertension.

Kijek teed off on the sixth hole of the Sun Valley Golf Course in Rehoboth when his ball dropped into the cup.

"We saw it go right to the green, drop, and roll and disappear," said Morris Dumont, one of Kijek's golfing partners. "I said, 'I think it went in the hole,' but he said, 'No, it probably rolled off the green.'"

At the next tee, Dumont said, Kijek approached his ball, rolled his eyes, said "Oh, no," then collapsed.

Course owner John Pellegrino said Kijek golfed three or four mornings a week.

TODAY

7:30 Bodies in motion 16:00 Bodies in motion 16:30 World rugby 17:00 Handball 18:00 Israel soccer 19:30 International derby 20:00 Bushido 20:30 Basketball 21:00 Argentinean league soccer 23:30 Volleyball

EUROSPORT

5:30 Live Formula 1 from Australia 7:30 Formula 1 9:30 Golf 10:00 Formula 1 from Australia 12:30 Formula 1 world championship roundup 12:30 Formula 1 from Australia 13:00 Bowling 14:00 Formula 1 highlights 14:30 Formula 1 from Australia 16:30 Live European tennis 19:00 Supercross 21:30 Golf 23:00 Formula 1 highlights 00:00 Brazilian league soccer 2:00 European tennis highlights

PRIME SPORTS

6:00 Live motor racing special 11:30 Chinese league soccer roundup 12:00 Chinese league soccer 13:00 Chinese league soccer 14:00 Japanese league soccer 15:00 Japanese league soccer 16:00 Japanese league soccer 17:00 Japanese league soccer 18:00 Japanese league soccer 19:00 Japanese league soccer 20:00 Japanese league soccer 21:00 Japanese league soccer 22:00 Japanese league soccer 23:00 Japanese league soccer 24:00 Japanese league soccer

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CHANNEL 5

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EUROSPORT

5:30 Aerobics 10:00 Golf 12:00 Triathlon 13:00 Supercross highlights 14:00 Australian Grand Prix 15:00 European tennis 17:30 Motor racing 18:30 Brazilian league soccer 20:30 European news 21:00 Speed world 22:30 Motor racing 23:30 Boxing 00:00 Eurogoals 1:30 Eurogolf 2:30 Euro-sport news

PRIME SPORTS

6:00 Motor racing special 10:00 Chinese league soccer 12:30 Aerobics 12:30 Talking Baseball 13:00 Athletics 14:00 Golf 15:00 Formula 1 from Australia 16:00 Water sports magazine 18:00 Chinese league soccer 21:00 Motor racing special

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 15

CHANNEL 5

7:30 Bodies in motion 16:00 Bodies in motion 16:30 Premier League soccer roundup 18:30 Table tennis 19:30 Daily roundup 20:00 Bushido 20:30 Great moments in college basketball 1983-94 22:30 Brazilian league soccer 23:00 NFL

EUROSPORT

6:30 Aerobics 10:00 Eurogolf 11:00 Figure skating 13:00 Eurogoals 14:30 Brazilian soccer 16:30 Speed world 17:30 Motor racing 18:30 Latin soccer magazine 19:30 Eurogolf 20:30 European news 21:30 European tennis 22:00 Athletics 23:00 Boxing 00:00 Snooker: Stephen Hendry v Alan McManus 1:00 Snooker 2:00 Eurosport news

PRIME SPORTS

6:00 Iron man 7:00 Japanese league baseball 10:00 Golf 11:00 Australian league soccer 12:00 Aerobics 12:30 Mondial 13:00 Jerusalem Marathon 16:00 Power boats 16:30 Beach volleyball 18:30 Golf 19:00 Soccer 20:00 Mondial 20:30 Jerusalem Marathon 23:30 Mondial 00:00 Beach volleyball 1:30 Aerobics 2:00 Soccer roundup

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Gates paid \$31m. for da Vinci manuscript

Baseball owners promise new offer by Thursday

RYE BROOK, N.Y. (AP) — Major League Baseball owners, who have struck to their salary cap proposal since June 14, promised yesterday to make a new offer by Thursday.

Talks will resume near Dulles Airport outside Washington. John Harrington, the owners' chief negotiator, said the plan would be formulated within a few days and might include a luxury tax.

"We've said we'll go there and hopefully stay there until we can conclude an agreement," mediator W.J. Ury said.

The sides met jointly for just 15 minutes yesterday. Owners met by themselves Friday night and early yesterday.

"What we're now doing," Harrington said, "is to take the next three or four days to formulate an economic proposal that takes our concerns and the players' concerns and hopefully moves them closer together."

Owners told players they need to work out a collective bargaining agreement by next month or they'll feel pressure to impose an economic system for the 1995 season.

Management feels pressure from two dates: December 7, the last day for teams to offer salary arbitration to their players who became free agents, and December 20, the last day to tender 1995 contracts to unsigned players on their rosters.

Harrington, the Boston Red Sox chief executive officer, said if there's not a deal by next month owners probably would meet to discuss imposing a system — presumably with a salary cap — their right under federal labor law.

In addition, Harrington said teams felt pressure because of the need to sell season tickets and advertising for 1995.

Israel rallies from weak start to beat Czech Republic, 100-88

JOEL GORDIN

AFTER a weak start, the national basketball team scored a 100-88 road win over the Czech Republic last night, clinching one of the 12 spots to contest the European Nations' Championship next year in Greece.

Two teams from each pool advanced to the finals. In pool D, the standings after five of six games are: Spain 5-0, Israel 4-1, Czech Republic 1-4 and Turkey 0-5 (Spain beat Turkey 89-85 last night). Israel's last game is on Wednesday against Spain.

Things did not look so rosy for the Israelis in the first five minutes

last night.

The Czechs gave the visitors a nasty fright by taking an early 9-0 lead. The home team, contrary to the Czech tradition, played a running game, with most of its points coming from the outside.

The Israeli defense was ill-prepared for this, and the Czechs caused more panic on the Israeli bench by cruising ahead to an 18-11 lead.

Doron Jamchee, who scored eight of Israel's first 11 points, kept his team in the game with

some superb shooting.

Then coach Zvi Sherf sent in Ofer Fleisher to replace Nadav Henefeld (who had four fouls), while Doron Shefer came in for Adi Gordon. This beefed up Israel's defense and the Czech attack slowed down.

Fleisher, playing his best game for many weeks, helped Jamchee and Steinhauser trim the Czech lead to 45-41 a second before half-time. Gordon sank a breathtaking three-pointer as the buzzer sounded to make the score 45-44.

The Czechs started strongly at the start of the second half, but two excellent blocks by Fleisher snuffed the rally.

Jamchee scored after a fast-break to put Israel in the lead for the first time (46-45) and from that moment on, there was only one team in the game.

Team play was the key and this was proven by the stats. Five players — Jamchee, Steinhauser, Gordon, Leaf, and Daniel — all scored between 10 and 20 points.

Fleisher proved his worth as a big man and Shefer again justified his coming from Connecticut.

F.A. denies plans to charge Grobbelaar

LONDON (Reuters) — A report that goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar will be charged by the English Football Association next week was described as "pure speculation" by a spokesman for the national governing body yesterday.

Officials and lawyers for the F.A. are still studying the dossier provided by *The Sun* newspaper which first carried the allegations that the Southampton and former Liverpool player accepted bribes to fix matches.

Grobbelaar has vigorously denied the allegations and vowed to sue the media over the affair.

David Davies, the F.A.'s head of public affairs said: "The position has not changed from yesterday."

"Lawyers are still looking at the package and going through what amounts to seven hours of video tape. We hope to be able to say something further on Monday, but certainly by early next week."

"Anything written about this process is pure speculation."

The *Sun* claimed in its Saturday edition that the F.A. is expected to announce tomorrow charges that could include bringing the game into disrepute, and said Grobbelaar will be suspended pending a full investigation.

Davies confirmed that the F.A.



HIS SIDE OF THE STORY — Zimbabwean soccer star Bruce Grobbelaar is interviewed by a reporter after practice yesterday in Zimbabwe. (AP)

has been in touch with Grobbelaar's lawyers and Hampshire police, as well as with Southampton and Liverpool soccer clubs.

But he denied that the possibility of criminal charges might block any charges the F.A. might level at Grobbelaar, saying: "There are

football matters to be considered as well as matters that go beyond football."

Grobbelaar is currently in Zimbabwe for his African Nations' Cup international against Zaire today. World soccer's governing body FIFA has given the go-ahead for

Grobbelaar to play.

Grobbelaar has been accused of accepting a £40,000 bribe to throw Liverpool's Premier League match with Newcastle in November 1993. Liverpool lost 3-0. He is further accused of attempting to throw three other matches.

Hap. TA rocks Hatikva Quarter

DEREK FATTAL

THE 4th preliminary round of Toto Cup provided this weekend's soccer action, with Hapoel Tel Aviv showing flair and passion to outgun Bnei Yehuda in a 2-0 win in the meeting between the two top league clubs.

As is often the case in cup matches, league pedigree counted for little, with the three sides proping up the National League all emerging victorious, to earn some welcome relief from relegation woes.

Second Division sides also competed in the Toto Cup, playing out round 3 of their preliminary group games in the competition. The cup fixtures were held in order to assist preparations for Israel's European Nations' Cup fixture against Azerbaijan on Wednesday.

The scheduled Hapoel cup derby between Maccabi and Hapoel will be played at the end of the month, as Maccabi, which makes up the backbone of the Israeli side, would have not been able to field enough first-line team players.

Although no national players took part in this weekend's matches there were plenty of thrills and spills on the pitch.

Bnei Yehuda 0, Hapoel Tel Aviv 2

Hapoel Tel Aviv traveled to the Ha-

tikva Quarter and took three points and a fair amount of civic pride from league leader Bnei Yehuda. The Reds had the upper hand for most of the game, and more importantly had Sahi Zinati in tip-top form to supply two first half goals (14 and 34) that took the match beyond Bnei Yehuda's grasp.

Ironi Rishon 3, Maccabi TA 3

Friday's contest between Ironi Rishon and Maccabi Tel Aviv included a dramatic one-man rescue act by Rishon's Ivan Yermchuk that capped a seesaw battle. Assaf Dagai gave Rishon a 29th minute lead, with veteran Eli Driks equalizing just before the interval for Maccabi. After the resumption, an Alon Mizrahi penalty kick followed by an 85th minute goal from Victor Belkin put the Tel Avivians in what seemed an unassailable position.

Nevertheless two lightning strikes by Yermchuk in the 87th and penultimate minutes restored the balance, and served to compound the common assessment that he is one of the best imports brought into the local game this season.

Bet. TA 1, Bet. Jerusalem 2

The capital men continued their winning streak, with Eitan Mizrahi and Sahar Saudo finding the net for the Jerusalemites in the second period, after a Shlomi Eliaz goal had given the Tel Avivians a slim lead before the break.

In other action, Mordchai Spiegler saw his side notch up its first victory

since he arrived at Zafirim Holon, with a convincing 3-0 display against Maccabi Netanya that took the Holonians to top place in group 2.

Herzliya emerged 3-2 winners against Hapoel Petah Tikva. Former Belgian World Cup ace Mark Van de Linden was the host's star, scoring twice.

Maccabi Petah Tikva encountered better fortune than its neighbor, knocking three goals in against Ironi Ashdod, winning 3-1, to head group 4.

Hapoel Beersheba continues to top group 3 after a 1-0 away win against Hapoel Beil She'an courtesy of Amir Avigdor.

In the Second Division, Hapoel Jerusalem hit four goals in a seven-goal thriller against Hapoel Lod, while Hapoel Ramat Gan sealed its visit to Maccabi Yavne with a 4-1 win.

TOTO CUP	
NATIONAL LEAGUE	
Bnei Yehuda	0
Ironi Rishon	3
Zafirim Holon	3
Hapoel Beil She'an	0
Macc. Herzliya	3
Bnei Yehuda	0
Ironi Ashdod	1

SECOND DIVISION	
Macc. Yavne	1
Hapoel Ramat Gan	4
Hapoel Lod	1
Hapoel Beersheba	1
Hapoel Beil She'an	1
Hapoel Ashdod	1
Hapoel Ramat Gan	1
Hapoel Beil She'an	1
Hapoel Beil She'an	1
Hapoel Beil She'an	1

This week's winning sportsline: 2X,12,12,22,12,2X,11,2

The winning Tototo numbers: 2, 12, 17, 18, 20, 22, 25.

Enfield ousts Cardiff 1-0 in F.A. Cup

LONDON (AP) — Gary Abbott fired the semi-pros of Enfield to a 1-0 upset victory over Cardiff and Kingstonian ousted another Division Two team, Brighton, 2-1 as the English Football Association Cup started with some upsets yesterday.

Woking, which eliminated five-time winner West Bromwich Albion three years ago, gained a 4-4 tie at Division Three Barnet after leading 3-0 at halftime and Ashford Town conceded two late penalties to Third Division Fulham and was held to a 2-2 tie.

Kidderminster, which knocked out Division One Birmingham last season, conceded a late equalizer in a 1-1 tie with Third Division Torquay.

Premier League teams, most Division One clubs and the Scottish Premier Division teams had a day off because of next week's European Championship qualifying

games and England's exhibition match with Nigeria at Wembley. So the spotlight fell on the first round of the FA Cup in which some of the semi pro teams chase the glory of knocking out the league clubs.

Cardiff, the only non-English club to win the tie, has now been ousted by non-league teams three times in the past five years. Abbott, a painter-decorator, headed home a free kick in the 56th minute for the only goal of the game.

Jamie Ndah, a 20-year-old Kingstonian eliminated a Brighton team managed by former Irish international star Liam Brady at Kingsmeadow. Robert Codner scored Brighton's replay.

Brady's future with Brighton could be in doubt because the team has now gone 10 games without a win.

out a win and it is out of both cup competitions.

Woking led Barnet 3-0 and 4-2 before the Division Three team hit back to earn a replay.

Colin Fielder (12 minutes), Leany Dennis (15) and former Chelsea and Queens Park Rangers forward Clive Walker (34) opened up a big lead for the visitor by half time.

Gerard McMahon (56) and Mark Cooper (61) cut that to 3-2 before Scott Steele netted Woking's fourth in the 64th. Back came Barnet again through Cooper (75th minute) and Lee Hodges (79th).

In Division One, Neil Woods fired Grimsby's winner against Millwall and Lee Nogan netted his eighth goal of the season for Watford in the 1-0 victory over Southend.

FA CUP: Albionians 3, Southport 2; Ashford Town 2, Fulham 2; Barnet 4, Woking 4; Bath 0, Bristol Rovers 3; Bishop Auckland 0, Bury 0; Bourmouthe 3, Worthing 1; Bradford City 1, Scunthorpe 1; Barnley 2, Shrewsbury 1; Cambridge United 3, Brentford 2; Chesham & Bagley 1; Chester 2, Witton 0; Chesterfield 0, Scarborough 0; Crewe 7, Gresley Rovers 1; Doncaster 1, Huddersfield 4; Enfield 1, Cardiff 1; Exeter 1, Crawley 0; Halifax 1, Lancaster 1; Harrogate 2, Port Vale 0; Hartlepool 0; Northampton 0; Northwich postponed (waterlogged field); Newport 2, Aylesbury 3; Peterborough 4, Northampton 0; Port Vale 0, Hartlepool 0; Slough 0, Birmingham 4; Tiverton 1, Leyton Orient 3; Walsall 3, Rochdale 0; Wigan 4, Spennymoor 0; Wrexham 1, Stockport 0; Wycombe 4, Chesham & Bagley 2; Yeading 2, Colchester 2; York 3, Rotherham 3.

Division Three

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bury	15	12	1	2	26	5
Cardiff	15	11	3	1	20	12
Cardiff	15	11	3	1	20	12
Cardiff	15	11	3	1	20	12
Cardiff	15	11	3	1	20	12
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Cardiff	15	11	3	1	20	12
Cardiff	15	11	3	1	20	12
Cardiff	15	11	3	1	20	12

Division Two

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Huddersfield	16	10	4	2	31	34
Cardiff	16	10	4	2	31	34
Cardiff	16	10	4	2	31	34
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Scottish Premier

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers	13	8	2	3	24	11
McKerr	13	8	2	3	24	11
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Mansell starts Grand Prix in pole position

ADELAIDE, Australia (Reuters) — Nigel Mansell will start the decisive world championship showdown in today's Australian Grand Prix in pole position after heavy rains limited the times in yesterday's final qualifying session.

The 41-year-old Briton, the oldest man in the field, secured the 32nd pole position of his career with a minimum of bother in a session that aroused memories of past wet races on the Adelaide street circuit.

Mansell, in his Williams, was the fastest man in Friday's opening session on a dry circuit with a best time of one minute and 16.179 seconds. That time was not challenged yesterday.

That gave him the pole position, with world championship leader German Michael Schumacher of Benetton alongside him on the front row of the grid.

Schumacher, 25, clocked a fastest time in the final wet qualifying session of 1:32.627.

Schumacher's world championship rival Briton Damon Hill will start today's race from third place on the grid in the second Williams, but may suffer from a disadvantage if the weather is wet again.

In the wet session, he was 1.1 seconds slower than Schumacher's best time, although he did finish as the second-fastest driver in the session.

Hill will share the second row with Finland's Mika Hakkinen, in a McLaren, while Schumacher's Benetton teammate Johnny Herbert of Britain will start from a relatively distant seventh position.

ding for his 31st Grand Prix win while the two younger men, his Williams teammate Hill and Schumacher are fighting for their first title triumph.

Yesterday's wet session was a desultory affair for the bedraggled spectators and for the teams, but it did offer some clues to possible performance levels if today's race is a wet one.

Not only was Schumacher quickest, but he also looked to be one of the most confident men on the track in his Benetton while the two Ferraris of Austrian Gerhard Berger and Frenchman Jean Alesi were also up among the quickest cars, sandwiched between Hill, second, and Mansell, fifth-quickest, in the session.

All the drivers were adamant afterwards that "the last thing they wanted was another wet race to follow last weekend's in Japan and the two previous wet Adelaide events in 1989 and 1991.

Mansell drove in both of those and was slightly injured in an accident in the 1991 race which was halted and abandoned after only 14 laps, making it the shortest Grand Prix in Formula One history.

That race was won by the late Ayrton Senna of Brazil, who also won last year's race, the final victory of his career.

Mansell said the conditions in both of those races were "terrible" and agreed that if there was a repeat today, this year's Australian Grand Prix should be delayed, or at least begun with a rolling start behind a safety car.

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Forecast: Partly cloudy to clear and cooler.

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Some 150 cyclists from the US, Scotland, Holland, England, and other countries arrive Friday at Jerusalem's Hadassah-University Hospital in Ein Karem after a three-day bike tour which began in Nazareth. A cardiologist greeted the cyclists at the hospital, where they viewed the Chagall windows. (Avi Hayom)

'It's all over,' Ramon tells staff of 'Davar'

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HISTADRUT Chairman Haim Ramon informed the staff of *Davar* at the end of last week that the Histadrut would cut off all funds to the newspaper as of January 1, thus making *Davar's* closure inevitable.

At the same time, Ramon said he was prepared to continue negotiations with *Davar's* action committee over purchasing the newspaper, in the hope that this would enable *Davar's* continued existence. He said so far he has rejected the workers' purchase bid because it did not ensure the continued employment of *Davar's* print workers, and he was not prepared to have the Histadrut pay their severance should they be laid off.

However, Ramon said he would give *Davar* a NIS 35 million "farewell grant" if the buyers could find a way to guarantee the continued employment of most of the workers.

Ramon said the best purchase bid he had received for *Davar* was from Netanya hotelier and contractor Yitzhak Tshuva, who then reneged on his bid at the last moment. He told the workers he was determined to end the Histadrut's connection with the paper. "I do not think that free press is in keeping with being owned by a man with political interests par excellence," he said.

A member of *Davar's* action committee said the meeting with Ramon was "the best ever since he came into office. Until now all he ever did was attack us and vilify us. This is the first time that he spoke to us in a civil way, agreed to negotiate over our retirement terms and even said he would make an effort to help the paper's continued existence."

Yet, Ramon attacked *Davar's* action committee and said it was to blame for holding up the negotiations over the purchase bid.

Jewish activists threaten boycott of home-furnishings giant IKEA

NEW YORK (AP) — A Jewish group threatened to urge a boycott of the home furnishings giant IKEA if allegations that the company is participating in a boycott against Israel prove accurate.

Jews worldwide will also be asked to boycott the Scandinavian-based company if its founder is shown to have continued with anti-Jewish activities, Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean of the Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center, said Friday.

The issue arose this week after the *Expressen* newspaper of Stockholm revealed that IKEA founder Ingvar Kamprad, 68, was involved

with Swedish pro-Nazi groups from 1945 into the 1950s.

Kamprad admitted he had past ties to right-wing extremist organizations, calling it "a part of my life which I bitterly regret."

Goran Carstedt, president of IKEA's North American operations, denied the company was taking part in any boycott of Israel. He said he discussed the matter with executives at the corporation's international headquarters in Humleback, Denmark.

"We are buying from Israel, but we have no store there," Carstedt said. He could not list what types of goods IKEA purchased from

Israeli companies.

Cooper said he had information that IKEA had participated in economic boycott of Israel by Arab states dating to the early 1950s.

"If it turns out that IKEA supported the Arab boycott and continues to that policy today, we will most certainly call for a boycott," Cooper said in a telephone interview with *The Associated Press*.

In a statement to IKEA employees, Kamprad said he cut off the contacts with the extremist groups when he "realized this was a mistake." Kamprad denied he ever was a formal member of the rightist organizations.

Rabbi could get 25 years in Shai Fhima case

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NEW YORK

A HASSIDIC rabbi faces up to 25 years in jail following his conviction in the kidnapping of Shai Fhima, the Israeli youth who disappeared two years ago after beginning instruction for his bar mitzva.

The conviction of Rabbi Shlomo Helbrans on Wednesday in State Supreme Court was the latest twist in a complicated case that pitted a secular mother, Hana Fhima, against a small Hassidic group in Brooklyn over the boy's upbringing.

Shai Fhima, who disappeared in April 1992, resurfaced in an Orthodox community outside New York last February, telling authorities that he had run away be-

cause his secular parents did not respect his desire to live as an Orthodox Jew.

At the trial, the boy testified on behalf of the rabbi and his wife, Malka Helbrans. He said he ran away from his mother, alleging that she had beaten him. Officials said the allegations of abuse by Hana Fhima were unfounded.

The Helbrans said they simply gave the boy a sanctuary, and then he later ran away.

Under New York law, a person can be found guilty of kidnapping if they help a child under the age of 16 flee without the consent of the

parents. This means that the rabbi's actions are considered independently of the boy's decision to run away.

On Wednesday, Malka Helbrans was acquitted of kidnapping charges, but convicted of criminal conspiracy.

In another development, the boy, who is 15, has filed a petition in a New York family court seeking emancipation from his family. Hana Fhima, who lives in New Jersey, now shares custody of her son with another rabbi with whom her son lives in Suffern, New York.

Helbrans is to be sentenced November 22.

Olmert: Clinton's refusal to visit Western Wall hurt Democrats

Jerusalem Post Staff

JERUSALEM Mayor Ehud Olmert said Friday that US President Bill Clinton suffered a political blow in US midterm elections because he upset Jewish voters by not visiting the Western Wall.

"In American politics, to be photographed near the Western

Wall is very important," Olmert told *Ma'ariv*. "To be portrayed as someone who succumbed to the pressures of [Palestinian official] Faisal Hussein, maybe that is good under the acceptable pre-

misses of the State Department," Olmert said. "[But] I don't think it adds health to his political life in New York, New Jersey, or Los Angeles."

Despite Olmert's words, returns indicated that Jewish voters did not abandon Democratic candidates.

'Berlin mosque used to plan terror attacks'

BONN (Reuters) — Islamic militants have been found to be using a Berlin mosque to plan attacks on Israeli targets, the German news weekly *Focus* reported yesterday.

A telex from Berlin's regional counter-intelligence service said members of Hamas, Hizbullah and Syria's Moslem Brotherhood had met in the mosque to plan attacks on Israeli premises, *Focus* reported.

In an advance release from this week's edition, the magazine said the intelligence service had cautioned that the militants' planned attacks as soon as vigilance at Israeli premises slackened.

Berlin security officials declined comment on the report.

In September *Focus* and the news weekly *Der Spiegel* said security forces were on the alert for possible Palestinian terrorist attacks against Jewish targets in Germany.

At the time German media also reported federal police and the federal intelligence agency BND had uncovered plans by militants led by Abu Nidal to hit Jewish targets including an El Al flight.

There was no official confirmation but security at Jewish and Israeli institutions and at synagogues was stepped up.

Der Spiegel said then that police thought Germany was being targeted to punish it for being the first country to open an official mission in the newly autonomous Gaza and Jericho.

UK Jews alerted to threat of attacks

LONDON (Reuters) — British police have warned the Jewish community to step up security in response to threats of attacks by extremists trying to disrupt the Middle East peace process, the *Jewish Chronicle* reported on Friday.

Hundreds of synagogues and community centers have been advised about high-technology security measures they can adopt to counter the threat, it said, citing a letter from David Veness, head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist squad.

"The menace of terrorism motivated by rejection of peaceful co-existence in the Middle East is real," Veness said in the letter to the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

"It is my firm recommendation that the vulnerability of potential targets should be reduced by significantly enhanced security measures to combat a threat with which we will all have to cope for the foreseeable future."

These could include closed cir-

cuit television and video recordings, entry phones, guard patrols, anti-bomb curtains and greater vigilance.

The Israeli embassy in west London and a north London Jewish center were both badly damaged in bomb attacks last July, which police blamed on Middle Eastern extremists.

Police protection for potential targets has been increased, but Veness's letter says Jewish leaders must also help to protect their community.

Michael Whine, a spokesman for the Board, told the *Times* newspaper that Jewish leaders did not regard the attacks as isolated incidents but as the start of a new campaign by extremists.

"What we and the police are saying is that there is a long-term and ongoing threat to Jewish communities as well as Israelis," he was quoted as saying.

"The terrorist threat is coming from Iran and its surrogates and other elements in the Middle East."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Searches for runaway continue

Dozens of policemen and volunteers continued searching over the weekend for 11-year-old Boris Talinsky.

The boy left the home of his aunt in Holon after he said he did not want to return to Uzbekistan with his mother. Police said the boy may be in the Tel Aviv area apartment of friends who immigrated from the CIS. They said it was also possible that relatives took the boy in without knowing he was declared missing.

Tsur seeks Jordanian tomatoes

Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tsur met with his Jordanian counterpart on Friday to discuss the possibility of importing tomatoes from Jordan.

However, Mansur Tarif said at this time of the year, Jordan does not have any surplus tomatoes. Moreover, Tarif said Jordan would not be interested in buying extra bananas from Israel because Jordan also had banana surpluses.

Tsur said, however, that he would grant licenses for the import of Jordanian tomatoes if Israeli businessmen managed to reach a private agreement with Jordanian suppliers.

Ban on Gaza produce continues

The ban on all produce from Gaza will continue despite the clean bill of health given to the water and vegetables there, the Health Ministry decided on Friday.

Ministry officials met with their Palestinian counterparts on Friday to discuss the ban imposed following the outbreak of cholera in the Gaza Strip. The ministry decided to keep the ban as an extra precaution against the spread of the disease.

The number of Gazans who have contracted the disease has reached 50, Palestinian sources in Gaza said last night.

Chairman of US Joint Chiefs of Staffs to visit

The Chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staffs, Gen. John Shalikashvili, will visit Israel next month, a senior army source confirmed last night. Shalikashvili, an army general who replaced Gen. Colin Powell last year as the Pentagon's top officer, will be hosted by Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak, who invited Shalikashvili to visit while Barak was in Washington this past summer.

Ukrainian officials due here

Ukrainian Deputy Prime Minister Eugene Marchuk and Interior Minister Lt.-Gen. Vladimir Radchenko are due to arrive here today for a week-long visit as the guests of the Police Ministry, the ministry said.

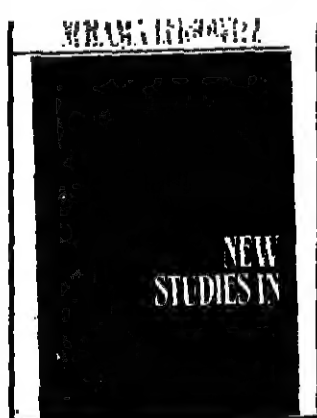
Trade accord signed with Romania

Industry and Trade Minister Micha Harish and his Romanian counterpart, Cristian Ionescu, who is currently visiting Israel, signed a trade pact on Wednesday establishing specific ways to promote bilateral relations.

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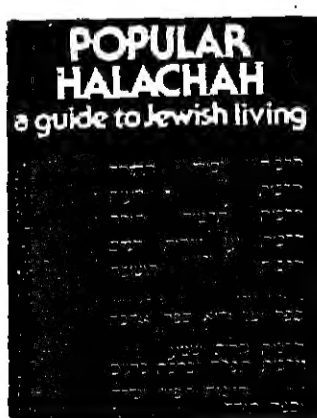
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